

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB857

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Fariss

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Hunting with a muzzleloading rifle; blaze orange clothing.

5. Summary: Hunting with a muzzleloading rifle; blaze orange clothing. Removes the exception allowing those hunting during the special season for hunting deer with a muzzleloading rifle to refrain from wearing certain blaze orange clothing.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a state fiscal impact. According to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, most current muzzleloader license holders also participate in hunting activities during the general firearms season, where the requirement for blaze orange attire already exists. As such, the department does not believe this legislation will have any impact on its revenue stream. The department receives a portion of the sales tax generated from the sales of hunting equipment, auxiliary hunting equipment, fishing equipment, auxiliary fishing equipment, wildlife-watching equipment, and auxiliary wildlife-watching equipment in Virginia.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.