

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB991

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Cline

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Hunting and fishing licenses for nonresident disabled veterans.

5. Summary: This bill allows veterans, resident and nonresident, who are totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability to purchase a license, valid for life, to hunt and fish at no cost. Currently, only resident disabled veterans can obtain the licenses at no cost.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact: N/A.

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	n/a	n/a
2015	(\$207,548)	Lifetime License and Federal
2016	(\$212,118)	Lifetime License and Federal
2017	(\$216,642)	Lifetime License and Federal
2018	(\$221,121)	Lifetime License and Federal
2019	(\$225,555)	Lifetime License and Federal
2020	(\$229,945)	Lifetime License and Federal

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill is anticipated to have a revenue impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The department estimates that 356 non-resident disabled veterans per year would take advantage of this legislation in the first year of its implementation. Currently, the only available lifetime license for a nonresident of any classification is the Nonresident Lifetime License with a flat fee of \$555. As proposed in this bill, these veterans would receive this license free of charge, which would result in a loss of license sales revenue and federal matching dollars to the department. As the licenses are valid for life, the department calculated the loss of revenue cumulatively and with the assumption that the

number of qualified veterans will decrease by 0.01 percent each year. The long-term programmatic impact of the loss of revenue is indeterminate at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: At the end of FY 2013, the available cash balance in the Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Endowment Fund totaled \$10.6 million, an 11 percent increase from the balance at the end of FY 2012.