

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB145

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

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Special fox hunting license.

5. Summary: As engrossed by the Senate, this bill establishes a special license for hunting foxes on horseback with hounds but without firearms. The license exempts the licensee from the requirement that he complete a hunter education program. The fee for the special license shall be the same as any license required by § 29.1-303, Code of Virginia, and shall be subject to subsequent revision by the Board pursuant to § 29.1-103, Code of Virginia. As introduced, the bill would have set the fee for the special license at \$10.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). Currently, mounted fox hunters are required to purchase a resident hunting license (\$23) or a non-resident hunting license (\$111) to chase foxes with hounds while on horseback. This statute also applies to mounted fox hunters that use hounds but not firearms. This bill will allow mounted fox hunters with hounds but without firearms to be exempt from the hunter education course. The fee for the new license shall be the same as the current licenses for hunting mentioned above. Thus, no impact is expected on DGIF.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.