

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB413

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

**2. Patron:** Hanger

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Wildlife rehabilitators.

**5. Summary:** This bill exempts certain persons who provide care to wildlife under a permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries from the requirement to be a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician to provide such care. This exemption covers (i) persons holding a wildlife rehabilitator permit from the department, (ii) persons holding a permit to possess wildlife for educational or scientific purposes, (iii) persons or organizations holding a permit to possess or confine for recreational or commercial activities, and (iv) persons holding a permit to interact with captive or free-ranging wildlife for purposes authorized by the department.

**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 fiscal impact to Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) or the Department of Health Professions (DHP). According to DGIF, the bill would apply to approximately 1,000 individuals who hold the specified permits. DHP has indicated that these individuals are not currently required to be licensed by the Board of Veterinarians. The bill clarifies current practice in statute.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Department of Health Professions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.