

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2392

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Ransone

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Special nonresident harvester's license; fee and oath; revocation; penalty.

5. Summary: Beginning July 1, 2015, there shall be no further sales of special nonresident harvester's licenses for species under any fishery management plan in Virginia, or a management plan mandated on Virginia by a state or federal compact.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill prevents nonresident commercial harvesters from participating in Virginia fisheries that are managed through a Marine Resources Commission (MRC) species management plan or through federal interstate species management plans.

Currently, nonresident commercial harvesters purchase a nonresident commercial harvester license for \$444 per year. Of this amount, \$350 is deposited into the Virginia Marine Products Fund administered by the Marine Products Board (Board) in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and \$94 is deposited in MRC's Marine Fishing Improvement Fund. Nonresident commercial harvesters also purchase various fisheries gear licenses, a portion of which are deposited to the Board's Virginia Marine Products Fund and the remainder to MRC's Marine Fishing Improvement Fund.

Currently, 135 individuals have purchased nonresident commercial harvester licenses as well as associated fisheries gear licenses. New nonresidents are required to serve a 2-year waiting period in order to participate in Virginia fisheries.

The fiscal impact for MRC and the Board is indeterminate as data on specific fisheries harvested by nonresident commercial harvester licensees is unavailable. Both the nonresident commercial harvester licenses and the fisheries gear licenses do not provide conclusive data on the specific fisheries that may be harvested.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Marine Resources Commission; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB2386 increases the fee range for the nonresident commercial harvester's license from the current range of not less than \$350 or more than \$1,150 to not less than \$600 or more than \$1,400.