

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1439

<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:** Stuart

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

**4. Title:** Vessel operation; probable cause.

**5. Summary:** This bill prohibits law enforcement officers from stopping, boarding, or inspecting a noncommercial vessel without probable cause to believe that there exists a violation of boating safety regulations adopted by the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries.

**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 the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. However, the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) has stated that the impact of this bill on agency federal funding is indeterminate. As part of MRC's agreement with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), MRC engages in finfish enforcement work to help ensure the Commonwealth is in compliance with quotas established by ASMFC on recreational catch limits. MRC believes that the majority of its safety checks will no longer be permitted, limiting finfish enforcement and potentially impacting the ASMFC funding. MRC receives approximately \$182,000 annually in federal grants for finfish enforcement through the ASMFC.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Marine Resources Commission.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to HB1298 as introduced.