

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1075

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

2. Patron: Hurst

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Poaching; revocation of hunting, trapping, or fishing license and privileges.

5. Summary: This bill requires a court to revoke for a period of 12 months the hunting, trapping, or fishing license of any person convicted of taking, or attempting to take, any wild bird, wild animal, or fish during the closed season. The bill increases from five to 10 years the maximum period for which a court may revoke hunting, trapping, or fishing license of any person convicted for violations or second violations of certain hunting, trapping, fishing, or firearms laws or Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regulations and also authorizes a court to revoke for one to 10 years a hunting, trapping, or fishing license for violations of certain additional hunting, trapping, or fishing laws.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in a nominal fiscal impact for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. This bill would increase the court's authority to revoke hunting licenses and privileges for one to ten years for persons who are found guilty of poaching violations, in accordance with the severity of their crime. As such, it could nominally impact revenue through a decline in hunting license sales among individuals who are convicted of illegal hunting, trapping, or inland fishing practices. It is anticipated that this bill would reduce the amount of time spent on responding to calls of service and apprehending poachers.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.