

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB552

<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:** Mason

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

**4. Title:** Crab pots and peeler pots; marine-biodegradable escape panels; penalty.

**5. Summary:** Requires any crab pot sold in the Commonwealth and any peeler pot regulated by the Marine Resources Commission (the Commission), or used or sold in the Commonwealth, beginning January 1, 2019, to have two marine-biodegradable escape panels, defined in the bill, on different sidewalls of the upper chamber of the crab pot or peeler pot, as applicable. The bill requires that beginning July 1, 2020, any crab pot regulated by the Commission, or used or sold in the Commonwealth, have two such panels. The bill makes a violation of such provisions a Class 3 misdemeanor.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See #8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Marine Resources Commission. The punishment for a Class 3 misdemeanor is a fine of up to \$500, which is deposited to the Literary Fund. The revenue impact is indeterminate, and would depend on the number of convictions.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission; court system

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.