

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1779

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bloxom

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:** Riparian planting ground; assignment eligibility.

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) may assign only a riparian planting ground of up to one-half acre that the Commissioner deems appropriate to any owner of riparian land in the Commonwealth's oyster-growing area who applies for a new lease or a transfer lease of planting grounds. This measure eliminates fees for such assignments.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any expenditure impact on the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. MRC anticipates a negligible but indeterminate reduction in general fund revenue resulting from the elimination of assignment fees.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.