

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2661

<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:** Ransone

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

**4. Title:** Saltwater recreational fishing license; exceptions; commercial license holder.

**5. Summary:** Exempts from the requirements of obtaining a saltwater recreational fishing license a holder of a commercial fishing license and one immediate family member who is accompanying the commercial licensee. The bill prohibits any person fishing pursuant to the exception from fishing on board a vessel that contains gear that is required to be licensed by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (MRC).

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. However, it is anticipated that the maximum potential revenue loss resulting from this bill totals \$70,460 per year. As of January 2018, there are 2712 licensed commercial fishermen, of which 537 also hold a recreational fishing license. If these fishermen are no longer required to hold a recreational fishing license, MRC will incur a revenue loss of approximately \$23,000 per year. Additionally, if all licensed commercial fishermen have a relative who would forego purchasing a recreational fishing license as a result of this measure, MRC may incur a further \$47,460 in revenue loss.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.