

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1188

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Wampler

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

4. **Title:** Bear hunting license; inclusion in license to hunt deer and turkey.

5. **Summary:** This bill directs the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to include the ability to hunt bear in the existing license to hunt deer and turkey. Current law provides that the standard big game license shall include only deer and turkey if the Board has exercised its discretion to create a separate license for hunting bear alone. The bill contains technical amendments.

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

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

7a. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	(\$800,000)	Game Protection Fund
2022	(\$800,000)	Game Protection Fund
2023	(\$800,000)	Game Protection Fund
2024	(\$800,000)	Game Protection Fund
2025	(\$800,000)	Game Protection Fund
2026	(\$800,000)	Game Protection Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will result in a loss in revenue for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). The agency has indicated that in each of the last three fiscal years, resident and non-resident bear license sales generated approximately \$800,000 in combined revenue annually.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.