

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB507

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: Guy

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Release of balloon prohibited; civil penalty.

5. Summary: Prohibits any person, with certain exceptions, from knowingly releasing or causing to be released any balloon outdoors and provides that any person convicted of a violation shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,500, to be paid into the Litter Control and Recycling Fund. A court may, as an alternative to imposing the penalty, require the performance of at least 10 hours of community service in litter abatement activities. Current law prohibits a person from releasing 50 or more balloons within an hour and sets the civil penalty at \$5 per balloon, with the proceeds deposited into the Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Endowment Fund.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This measure modifies and redirects civil penalties for the release of balloons from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)'s Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Endowment to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)'s Litter Control and Recycling Fund.

It is anticipated that any expenditure impact on DEQ as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. Potential revenue impact resulting from this measure is indeterminate, as it is not possible to estimate the number of violations that will occur. DGIF does not anticipate a revenue or expenditure impact from this measure, as the agency has no record of anyone being assessed such penalty.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.