

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB262

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: Chafin

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Special license to hunt elk.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries (the Board) to create a special license for hunting elk in the elk management zone that is required in addition to a general hunting license. The bill authorizes the Board to establish (i) quotas and procedures for selection to purchase a special elk license, (ii) a nonrefundable application fee of \$15 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents and a special elk license fee at no more than \$40 for residents and \$400 for nonresidents, and (iii) guidelines permitting the transfer of special elk licenses to individuals, cooperators who assist in meeting agency hunting objectives, or wildlife conservation organizations whose mission is to ensure the conservation of Virginia's wildlife resources. The bill clarifies that a separate special license to hunt elk is not required to hunt elk outside of the designated elk management zone.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) has indicated that this bill is expected to result in a nominal increase in license revenue. However, the Board has not determined how the separate special license for elk hunting will be regulated or sold.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.