

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB335

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Stuart

**3. Committee:** Finance and Appropriations

**4. Title:** Fees to hunt and fish; waiver for military service.

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that any resident who is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of service in, or has retired from any branch of the United States Armed Forces may apply for and receive the Sportsman's hunting and fishing license for 75 percent of the fee.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal implications of this bill are indeterminate, as the number of veterans or active military in Virginia that are currently licensed hunters and anglers is unknown. However, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) estimates that veterans and active duty military represent 10 to 20 percent of current license holders. As such, the agency anticipates that this bill will result in a revenue loss of approximately \$92,723 to \$185,447 annually for the Game Protection Fund.

DGIF currently grants discounts and special privileges to Virginia's veteran population and grants active duty military members stationed in the Commonwealth the ability to purchase licenses as residents.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.