

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB772

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Transportation of bait fish for sale; penalty.

5. Summary: Prohibits the transportation of bait fish, including shad, herring, or mullet, or the carcass or any part thereof, for sale or offer for sale outside of the Commonwealth. A violation of the provisions of the bill constitutes a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF).

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2019), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$34.07 per inmate, per day in FY 2018.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.