

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1989

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: Kory

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Prohibition of killing contests.

5. Summary: Prohibits contests and competitions that offer cash or prizes for the capture or killing of coyotes or fur-bearing animals.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Wildlife Resources as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

Anyone convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to six months in jail and a fine of not more than \$1,000, either or both.

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 misdemeanor 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 2022), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$40.39 per inmate, per day in FY 2021.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Wildlife Resources; local and regional jails; courts; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.