

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2101

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: Bulova

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Administrative Process Act; Department of Wildlife Resources; exemptions; endangered species.

5. Summary: Clarifies that the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR), in promulgating regulations and in all case decisions regarding endangered and threatened species, must comply with the provisions of the Administrative Process Act. The bill requires DWR to file its guidance documents relating to threatened and endangered species for publication with the Virginia Registrar of Regulations by August 1, 2023, and revoke or publish for comment such documents as provided in the bill by December 31, 2023.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the provisions of this bill may impact workload and costs for staffing, printing, and publishing within the department. However, DWR anticipates that any expenditure impact that the department may incur as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. The Department of Environmental Quality and the Marine Resources Commission can absorb any expenditure impact that may result from this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Wildlife Resources; Department of Environmental Quality; Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB1348.