

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1053

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| 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: Knight

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Destruction and disposal of abandoned watercraft by localities and state agencies.

5. Summary: Allows localities and state agencies to apply, under certain conditions, to the Department of Wildlife Resources for an authorization to destroy and dispose of an abandoned

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill may result in an indeterminate reduction in workload to the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). DWR receives requests for title information and title application and uses staff time to perform each of these functions. Under current law, localities are required to apply for and obtain a title for vessels that are to be disposed of. The proposed measure would simplify the vessel removal process for localities.

DWR does not charge fees for processing title requests. The agency uses state boat fund 9022 or federal USCG Recreational Boating Safety funds to support the program impacted by this bill.

The Marine Resources Commission (MRC) received one-time support in FY 2023 to carry out a program that is to assist localities in derelict vessel removal. Balances have been partially reappropriated into FY 2024. If the program were to continue into the 2024 - 2026 Biennium, MRC anticipates that the exemption is to increase program participation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.