

Department of Planning and Budget

2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1406

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: Fowler

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Fishing license requirements; exemptions; free fishing days.

5. Summary: Increases from three to six the maximum number of days that the Board of Wildlife Resources and the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) may designate as free fishing days for a person to fish in any inland waters and saltwater in the Commonwealth without a fishing license.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any expenditure impact on the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and MRC as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. According to the agencies, an increase in the number of free fishing days is anticipated to result in an increase in fishing license sales throughout the year. Any potential revenue impact resulting from this measure is indeterminate, as the bill provides flexibility to modify the number of free fishing days in a year as deemed appropriate to the agencies.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.