

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB668

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

2. Patron: Northam

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Saltwater recreational fishing; conformance with national registry.

5. Summary: This bill directs the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to establish the Fisherman Identification Program, which is to be consistent with the National Saltwater Angler Registry Program. In order to pay for the program, a one-time fee increase of not more than \$10 will be placed on the saltwater recreational boat license. Those persons who purchase a saltwater fishing license are not required to register with the program.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$0	0	NGF
2011	\$650,000	0	NGF
2012	\$650,000	0	NGF
2013	\$650,000	0	NGF
2014	\$650,000	0	NGF
2015	\$650,000	0	NGF
2016	\$650,000	0	NGF

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$0	NGF
2011	\$650,000	NGF
2012	\$650,000	NGF
2013	\$650,000	NGF
2014	\$650,000	NGF
2015	\$650,000	NGF
2016	\$650,000	NGF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 376. However, any budget amendment for nongeneral funds may be made administratively.

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill authorizes Virginia Marine Resources Commission (MRC) to collect all the federally required data necessary to become exempt as a state from the federal registration requirements and registration costs for anglers.

Those individuals who purchase Virginia saltwater fishing licenses will be required to furnish the federally required data when they purchase a recreational license. Individuals who fish legally without a license will be required to register with MRC, provide their contact and the other information required by the National Saltwater Registry, and receive a Virginia fisherman identification number to carry with them while fishing.

As a result of this bill, Virginia's current license structure will remain unchanged. All current exemptions from having to purchase saltwater fishing licenses will remain intact.

Saltwater license fees, however, may increase. MRC expects the administration cost of the Virginia Fisherman Identification Program to be about \$650,000 per year. Per the authority granted in this bill, MRC may raise the cost of the annual boat license by a one-time fee increase of no more than \$10 in addition to raising other annual licenses by \$5 in accordance with §28.2-201. 4., Code of Virginia. This increase in revenue is expected to cover the increased administrative cost to the agency.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission.

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

- 11. Other Comments:** None.

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