

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB880

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

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Fishing license, special; established for partially disabled veterans.

5. Summary: This bill establishes a special fishing license for resident and nonresident veterans who have a service-connected disability of at least 70 percent as rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The resident veterans will pay one-half the cost of the annual state resident basic fishing license and the nonresident veterans will pay one-half the cost of the state nonresident basic fishing license.

Currently, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries issues a reduced rate fishing license to veterans who have been designated by the U. S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs to have 100% disability. This bill will reduce the degree of physical impairment to 70%. Last year, a similar law was enacted that allowed partially disabled resident and nonresident veterans to obtain the basic hunting license at one-half the cost.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The reduction in the license fee for this population will result in a revenue loss to the department; however, the loss is not expected to be significant.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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