

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1344

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: Edmunds

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Right of certain hunters to go on lands of another.

5. Summary: Creates exceptions to the prohibition on hunters carrying firearms or bows and arrows on their persons or hunting any game while thereon if (i) their dog is in immediate danger or (ii) they obtained prior permission from the landowner or his agent. The bill also provides that, prior to going on prohibited lands to retrieve his dog during legal, daylight hunting hours, if the land is so posted, a hunter shall attempt to contact the landowner by phone, text, or email using contact information that is clearly provided on such posted signs.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Wildlife Resources.

Any person convicted of violating the prohibition impacted by this measure is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. This bill exempts certain persons from such prohibition. A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Wildlife Resources; local and regional jails; courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.