Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 382 (Delegate Harkins, et al.)

Environmental Matters Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Prohibition Against Hunting, Importing, and Selling Game - Exception

This amended bill provides that a person may import, sell, or exchange domestically raised venison other than white-tailed and sika venison. It requires importers and sellers of venison to maintain records regarding the origin, inspection, and sale of the meat for one year following the venison's delivery. The Department of Natural Resources may inspect these records at any reasonable time. Importers and sellers of venison are not exempt from applicable provisions of Title 21 of the Health Article. The bill specifies that these provisions do not allow deer farming for the purpose of selling deer meat.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. It is anticipated that the requirements of this bill could be handled with existing budgeted resources; revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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