Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 239 (Senator Stoltzfus) Economic and Environmental Affairs

Tidal Fish License - Seniors - Exemption from Waiting List

This bill exempts individuals from the tidal fish license waiting list requirement if they are over the age of 65 and previously held a tidal fish license for at least five years. Any such individual may not receive authorization to catch striped bass for sale or transfer the license to any other person.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential special fund revenue increase of \$950 to \$6,200. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: There are currently 48 individuals over 65 on the tidal fish license waiting list; 20 of these are on the primary waiting list, meaning that they could have held a license previously. If all 20 individuals are eligible to purchase a tidal fishing license under this bill, special fund revenues would increase \$950 to \$6,200 depending upon the type of license purchased. Any additional workload caused by this legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

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