

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1212 (Delegate Clagett)  
Environmental Matters

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**Wildlife Advisory Commission - Membership**

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This bill specifies the requirements for membership for the nine-member Wildlife Advisory Commission. It requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to conduct public informational hearings during the process of adopting regulations in regards to nontidal fish and wildlife.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in expenditures; revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** The composition of the nine-member Wildlife Advisory Commission would change although the number of members would remain the same. Therefore, this adjustment would not affect State finances.

The bill also requires public informational hearings during the process of adopting regulations in regards to fish and wildlife. DNR advises that it already conducts some public hearings during the regulatory process. Because the bill requires more frequent hearings as the regulations are being developed, there could be a minimal increase in expenditures associated with the public hearing process.

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