

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 243 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Natural Resources)
Environmental Matters

Fish - Limited Entry to the Commercial Fishery - Seasons, Gear, and Catch Limits

This departmental bill repeals the sunset date of April 1, 1999 for the limitations and restrictions on commercial fishing licenses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State revenues from commercial fishing license fees will continue to be limited beginning in FY 2000 as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Natural Resources has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: State revenues due to commercial fisheries license fees will be maintained at the current limited level (approximately \$1 million per year) under the bill beginning in fiscal 2000, so long as no fee increases are instituted.

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