

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 674 (Delegate Weir)

Environmental Matters

Crabbing Trotlines

This bill establishes standards for crab trotlines and floats. All trotlines are required to have attached in-line floats or unattached and individually anchored floats. Floats are required to be located directly adjacent to the trotline and placed every 500 feet. The bill specifies that trotline floats must be the same color, and establishes minimum size requirements for various shaped floats.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional workload associated with the bill could be handled with the Department of Natural Resources' existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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