

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1295 (Delegates Edwards and Poole)

Environmental Matters

Hunting Accidents - Duty to Render Assistance - Notification

This bill requires a person who carelessly or negligently injures or kills another person in a “hunting accident,” or who witnesses a hunting accident, to render reasonable assistance including, if requested or necessary, arranging transportation to a medical facility to the injured person. The bill also requires all persons involved in a hunting accident to exchange identifying information, and establishes classes of hunting accidents for reporting purposes.

A person, or an agent of that person, involved in a hunting accident on State property is required to notify the Department of Natural Resources Police within 48 hours of the accident. A person who incurs a self-inflicted wound is required as soon as practical to notify the Natural Resources Police, or any other State or local police agency.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially alter State operations or finances. Any additional administrative costs associated with the bill could be handled with the Department of Natural Resources’ existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal or none.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: The Natural Resources Police investigate approximately 30 hunting-related firearms and tree stand accidents each year.

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