Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 501 (Delegate Weir. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Natural Resources - Snapping Turtles

This bill provides that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may not prohibit by regulation the catching of snapping turtles by hook and line as a method of predator control in ponds on private property. Hooks set for predator control must have at least 1 inch between barb and shank and no more than 30 hooks may be set in any duck nesting area.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect DNR's operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Natural Resources, Department of Legislative

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