

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 505 (Delegate Bozman. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Worcester County - Fishing Restrictions - Pound Nets and Bank Traps

This bill prohibits the use of pound nets and bank traps in the coastal bays and their tributaries in the Atlantic waters of the State in Worcester County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially alter the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: The Department of Natural Resources estimates that are 4 commercial fish licensees using 14 registered pound nets in areas that would be affected by the bill. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$8,000 per net to relocate them to other areas if they are moved.

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

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