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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 631 (Delegate Grosfeld)

Environmental Matters

Task Force on Nonlethal Wildlife Management

This bill establishes a nine-member task force on nonlethal wildlife management and describes its composition. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to coordinate with other State agencies to provide staffing for the task force. The task force must meet at least once every two months, at the call of the chairman, and shall: (1) study scientific documentation concerning the effectiveness of wildlife management techniques used by wildlife agencies in the U.S. and Canada; (2) examine the causes of conflicts between humans and wildlife in the State; (3) assess current deficiencies in wildlife management in the State; (4) formulate recommendations regarding the use of nonlethal wildlife management techniques in the State; and (5) formulate recommendations for funding and implementing current and future nonlethal wildlife management initiatives. The task force must submit a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2001.

The bill sunsets on December 31, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DNR are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: No such task force exists.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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