

**Department of Legislative Services**  
 Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1022 (Delegate Dewberry)  
 Environmental Matters

**Natural Resources - Nonresident Limited Fishing Guide License - Fee**

This bill increases the fee for a nonresident limited fishing guide license from \$100 to \$500.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenue increase of an estimated \$4,400 annually beginning in FY 2003 from the increase in the fee. No effect on expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
SF Revenue	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400
Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may issue a limited fishing guide license applicable in all waters of the State. The license allows a license holder to guide: (1) anglers in up to three boats or vessels that have one or two occupants and are propelled by oars or paddles; (2) up to ten anglers fishing from shore or on foot in the water; or (3) any number of anglers who are participating in an educational or recreational program sponsored by a State, local, or municipal government and who are

fishing from shore or on foot in the water. The fee for a limited fishing guide license is \$50 for a resident and \$100 for a nonresident. All fees collected by DNR must be used for monitoring the freshwater fishery.

**Background:** Chapter 724 of 2001 (HB 1341) authorized DNR to issue the limited fishing guide license. During the 2001 license year, DNR issued 11 limited fishing guide licenses to nonresidents.

**State Revenues:** Based on data from the 2001 license year, by increasing the license fee by \$400 each, special fund revenues would increase by an estimated \$4,400 annually beginning in fiscal 2003. This estimate assumes the number of fishing guide licenses issued to nonresidents remains constant.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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