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House Bill 1561 (Delegates Glass and Vogt)
Environment and Transportation

Natural Resources - Hunting - Outerwear Exception

This bill exempts a person hunting on his/her own property (with or without a hunting license) from the requirement to wear specified fluorescent orange clothing while hunting. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None. The bill does not affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Generally, hunters (and those who accompany, aid, or assist them) must wear (1) a cap of a solid daylight fluorescent orange color or (2) a vest, jacket, or outer garment that contains specified amounts of the daylight fluorescent orange color. These requirements do not apply to (1) deer hunters using a bow and arrow during bow season; (2) hunters using falcons, hawks, or owls during open season; and (3) hunters (and those who accompany, aid, or assist them) hunting specified species.

Traditionally a person hunting on his/her own property was exempt from the requirement to wear daylight fluorescent orange while hunting. However, Chapter 102 of 2017 repealed this exemption.

Additional Comments: HB 91 (Delegates Grammer and Adams – Environment and Transportation) is identical.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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