Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1013 S1 **Patron:** Tran
Bill Title: Diamondback terrapin protection areas; MRC to develop in portions of Chesapeake Bay, etc.

Bill Summary: Directs the Marine Resources Commission to require by regulation the use of bycatch reduction devices, as defined in the bill, on all recreational crab pots, including such pots exempted from licensing requirements pursuant to existing statute. A violation of such regulation is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: This bill involves the Marine Resources Commission (MRC); however, a budget amendment is not required.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that the provisions of this bill can be implemented within current resources of MRC. There may also be an indeterminate revenue impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires MRC to require by regulation the use of bycatch reduction devices on all recreational crab pots, including those exempted from licensing requirements under § 28.2-226, Code of Virginia. A violation of such regulation would be a Class 3 misdemeanor. MRC anticipates that the agency may incur one-time costs associated with outreach activities to recreational crabbers to ensure parties are aware of this change. Any increase in workload or costs associated with this outreach is expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

A Class 3 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to $500. These offenses carry no jail time. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

Other: None.