

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1273

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:**    Wright

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:**    Hunting with dogs; dogs to wear tags.

5. **Summary:** Requires that any dog engaged in lawful hunting wear a substantial collar with a tag attached that identifies the name of the owner or custodian of the dog and a current phone number.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Wildlife Resources.

Anyone convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to six months in jail and a fine of not more than \$1,000, either or both.

There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per-prisoner, per-day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2021), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$37.58 per inmate, per day in FY 2020.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Wildlife Resources; local and regional jails; courts

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.