

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB65

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

**2. Patron:**    Edmunds

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

**4. Title:**    Live nutria.

**5. Summary:** Provides that the existing prohibition against possession, sale, or liberation of nutria does not apply to employees of the Department of Wildlife Resources and certain federal agencies, or persons involved in research or management activities with such agencies.

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

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

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

Any person convicted of violating the prohibition impacted by this measure is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. This bill exempts certain persons from such prohibition. 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 any potential change in jail population as a result of this proposal.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.