



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

PRINTERS NO. 366

PRIME SPONSOR: Reed

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to further provide for safety zones relating to the trapping of furbearers, and increase penalties for the illegal use of body-gripping traps outside of a watercourse or waterway.

ANALYSIS: HB 353 amends Title 34 Section 2505 (relating to safety zones) to reduce the safety zone from 150 yards to 50 yards for trapping activities undertaken within a permanent waterway, using traps submerged in water. However, the 150 yard safety zone would stay in effect for areas around playgrounds, schools and day-care centers.

The bill also amends Section 2364 to increase the penalty for illegal use of body-gripping traps outside of a waterway or watercourse to a summary of the first degree, which provides for a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$1,500.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

PREPARED BY: Thomas Gwinn
House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: March 12, 2013

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.