



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1584

PRINTERS NO. 2166

PRIME SPONSOR: Causer

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Fish Fund	\$0	\$0
Boat Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 30 (Fish and Boat Code) and 34 (Game Code) to further clarify that waterways and wildlife conservation officers have the discretion to issue warnings in lieu of making arrests or issuing citations.

ANALYSIS: HB 1584 adds language to Title 30 Section 901(a) (relating to the powers and duties of waterways conservation officers) and Title 34 Section 901(a) (relating to the powers and duties of enforcement officers) to clarify that conservation officers acting within the scope of their employment shall have the discretion to issue verbal or written warnings in lieu of making arrests or issuing citations. Currently, there is no language in Titles 30 and 34 that specifically provide waterways and wildlife conservation officers with the authority to use discretion in issuing warnings in lieu of making arrests or issuing citations.

The effective date for the act is 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation does not require waterways and wildlife conservation officers to issue fewer citations than they do currently. Therefore, enactment of this legislation is not expected to have a significant impact on Commonwealth funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: October 16, 2013

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