

Legislation 2014 – 2/5/2014

HB 26 – Administrative Procedure Act – Fiscal Impact Statements for Proposed Regulations (Crossfile – SB 151) (Hearing: 1/23 at 2pm) Health and Government Operations

Altering a specified provision of law to clarify that a promulgating unit is required to submit a specified fiscal impact statement with a proposed regulation to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review and the Department of Legislative Services; and altering a specified provision of law to prohibit a unit from adopting a proposed regulation until after a specified fiscal impact statement is submitted with the proposed regulation to the Committee for preliminary review.

HB 96 – State Designations – State Sandwich – Soft-Shell Crab Sandwich (Crossfile – SB 29) (Hearing: 1/23 at 2pm) Health and Government Operations

Designating the soft-shell crab sandwich as the State sandwich.

HB 118 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions – Progress Report – Ocean Acidification (Hearing: 1/29 at 2pm) Environmental Matters and Economic Matters

Requiring the Department of the Environment to include an analysis of the best available science regarding ocean acidification and the potential effects of acidification on the ecology of State waters and on State fisheries in a specified report; and requiring the Department to make recommendations on potential strategies to mitigate the effects of acidification on State waters and on State fisheries in a specified report.

HB 145 – Natural Resources – Fisheries Management – Regulations (Crossfile SB 145) (Hearing: 1/29 at 2pm) Environmental Matters

Clarifying the regulatory authority of the Department of Natural Resources to issue public notices for specified fishery management purposes; specifying the types of actions that the Department may include in a specified public notice; and providing that a public notice issued in accordance with specified regulations is not subject to Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.

HB 154 – Natural Resources – Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission – Membership (Hearing: 2/5 at 2pm) Environmental Matters

Increasing to 16 the number of members on the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; and requiring that one member of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission be a specified member of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission.

HB 166 – State Government – Administrative Procedure Act – Effective Date of Adopted Regulations (Hearing: 1/29 at 1pm) Health and Government Operations

Altering the effective dates of specified regulations adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

HB 618 – Nonresident Recreational Fishing and Crabbing Licenses – Oyster Restoration Surcharge (Crossfile SB 437) (Hearing: 2/12 at 2pm) Environmental Matters

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to require a nonresident to pay a surcharge in addition to any license fees imposed under specified laws and regulations for specified recreational fishing and crabbing licenses; requiring the Department to establish the amount of the surcharge by regulation; requiring all surcharges collected under the Act to be credited to the Fisheries Research and Development Fund and used only for oyster restoration activities; etc.

HB 675 – Recreational Hunting or Fishing License Applications – Disclosure of Information (Hearing: 2/12 at 2pm) Environmental Matters

Establishing that the Department of Natural Resources may require an applicant to provide only specified information on an application for a recreational hunting or fishing license; altering the information that a request for information from a recreational hunting or fishing license application made by the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Natural Resources is required to contain; etc.

HB 737 – State Government – Legislative and Regulatory Procedures – Efficacy Analyses (Hearing not set) House Rules and Executive Nominations

Requiring specified Executive Branch agencies and the Department of Legislative Services to prepare efficacy analyses for specified bills that add to or amend the Agriculture Article, Environment Article, Land Use Article, or Natural Resources Article; requiring specified Executive Branch agencies to prepare efficacy analyses for regulations proposed by the Department of Agriculture, Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, or Department of Planning; etc.

HB 769 – Recreational Hunting or Fishing License Applications – Disclosure of Information (Hearing: 2/14 at 1pm) Environmental Matters

Establishing that the Department of Natural Resources may require an applicant to provide only specified information on an application for a recreational hunting or fishing license; altering the information that a request for information from a recreational hunting or fishing license application made by the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Natural Resources is required to contain; etc.

SB 29 – State Designations – State Sandwich – Soft-Shell Crab Sandwich (Crossfile HB 96) (Hearing not set) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Designating the soft-shell crab sandwich as the State sandwich.

SB 93 – Natural Resources – Recreational Incentives Pilot Program (Passed Senate, Crossed over to House 1/22) Environmental Matters

Establishing the Recreational Incentives Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources; stating that the purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether incentive discounts offered to specified individuals increase the purchase of recreational hunting and fishing licenses; requiring the Department to develop a plan to implement the pilot program, subject to requirements and restrictions; requiring the Department to implement the pilot program in accordance with the developed plan; etc.

SB 145 – Natural Resources – Fisheries Management – Regulations (Crossfile HB 145) (Hearing: 1/21 at 1:45pm) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Clarifying the regulatory authority of the Department of Natural Resources to issue public notices for specified fishery management purposes; specifying the types of actions that the Department may include in a public notice; and providing that a public notice issued in accordance with specified regulations is not subject to Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.

SB 151 – Administrative Procedure Act – Fiscal Impact Statements for Proposed Regulations (Crossfile – HB 26) (Hearing: 1/30 at 1pm) Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Altering a specified provision of law to clarify that a promulgating unit is required to submit a specified fiscal impact statement with a proposed regulation to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review and the Department of Legislative Services; and altering a specified provision of law to prohibit a unit from adopting a proposed regulation until after a specified fiscal impact statement is submitted with the proposed regulation to the Committee for preliminary review.

SB 437 – Nonresident Recreational Fishing and Crabbing Licenses – Oyster Restoration Surcharge (Crossfile HB 618) (Hearing: 2/4 at 1pm)
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to require a nonresident to pay a surcharge in addition to any license fees imposed under specified laws and regulations for specified recreational fishing and crabbing licenses; requiring the Department to establish the amount of the surcharge by regulation; requiring all surcharges collected under the Act to be credited to the Fisheries Research and Development Fund and used only for oyster restoration activities; etc.

SB 466 – Oyster Dredging – Waters North of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Kent Narrows Bridge (Hearing: 2/11 at 1pm) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Authorizing a person to catch oysters by dredge in specified waters of the Chesapeake Bay north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the Kent Narrows Bridge.

SB 591 – Chesapeake Bay Striped Bass Fishery – Allocation of Commercial Quota (Hearing: 2/18 at 1pm) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to initially allocate an equal percentage of the State's total commercial quota for the Chesapeake Bay striped bass gill net and hook and line fishery to each participant in the fishery.

SB 929 – Commercial Fishing and Seafood Operations – Nuisance Actions – Exemption (Hearing not set) Judicial Proceedings

Expanding the application of specified provisions of law relating to the protection of agricultural operations from nuisance actions under specified circumstances to apply to specified commercial fishing and seafood operations; exempting specified commercial fishing and seafood operations from nuisance lawsuits; authorizing an appeal of a local agency's decision on a nuisance complaint against a commercial fishing or seafood operation to a circuit court; etc.

SB 935 – Department of Natural Resources Police – Transfer of Duties and Responsibilities to the Department of State Police (Hearing not set)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Abolishing the Department of Natural Resources Police Force; transferring the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Natural Resources Police Force to the Department of State Police; specifying that the Department of State Police is responsible for the

enforcement of the natural resources laws of the State; providing for the transfer of specified employees, functions, property, equipment, records, assets, and liabilities of the Natural Resources police to the Department of State Police; etc.