

**Date of State Budget Office Approval:**

**Date Requested:** Monday, April 06, 2015

**Date Due:** Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Impact on Expenditures**

FY 2015 NA  
 FY 2016 (\$720,000)  
 FY 2017 (\$720,000)

**Impact on Revenues**

FY 2015 NA  
 FY 2016 (\$180,000)  
 FY 2017 (\$180,000)

*Explanation by State Budget Office:*

This act would repeal the saltwater fishing license requirement and would take effect upon passage.

*Comments on Sources of Funds:*

This bill impacts restricted receipts and federal funds within the DEM budget in the amounts described below.

*Summary of Facts and Assumptions:*

With the passage of this legislation, the salt water fishing license restricted receipt account in the Department of Environmental Management would forego collections of approximately \$180,000 annually. These funds are used within the Division of Fish & Wildlife as leverage for approximately \$540,000 in fish and wildlife federal funds, for which there is a 3 to 1 match. Currently, these funds are used to administer and enforce this program and are not subject to a 10% indirect cost recovery. The Division would also no longer be able to manage marine recreational fisheries and improve the fishing statistics and stock assessments with the loss of this funding.

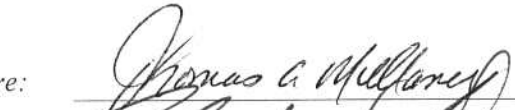
Currently, a yearly salt water fishing license fee is collected at a rate of \$7 for residents under 65, \$10 for non-residents, and \$5 for a seven-day license. Of the fees collected, \$2 of every license sold online and \$3 of every license sold via a vendor is directed towards administrative costs. The balance of receipts in this account are carried forward to the next fiscal year if unexpended. This bill would eliminate the license requirement and all associated fee collections.

The repealing of this general law is assumed to take place in FY 2016.

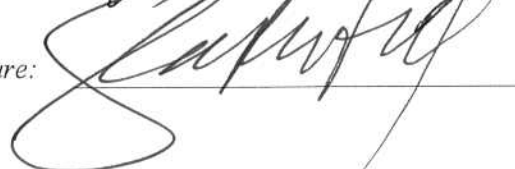
*Summary of Fiscal Impact:*

DEM would forego approximately \$180,000 per year in restricted collections related to the elimination of the salt water fishing license. Total expenditures would decrease by \$720,000 per year, which is the approximate cost of administering this program.

*Budget Office Signature:*



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