



**149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 415
SPONSOR:	Representative Ramone
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONSERVATION.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act adds residents of long-term care facilities who are accompanied by the facility's controlling person to the list of exceptions to requirements for fishing licenses.
3. Per 16 Del. C. § 1102(4), long-term care facilities include: nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, neighborhood homes, group homes for persons with mental illness, group homes for persons with AIDS, family care homes, rest residential facilities, and intensive behavioral support and educational residences.
4. The cost of an annual resident fishing license is \$8.50. Residents 16 years of age, but not over 65 years of age, must purchase an annual fishing license to fish or take fish, crabs, or clams.
5. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) leverages all license revenues received with federal grant funding. For every \$1.00 of license revenue received, DNREC has the ability to match \$3.00 in federal funding.
6. For each person granted an exemption under this Act, DNREC will lose \$8.50 in annual license revenues. Because the scope of long-term care facilities is so large, estimating the total number of applicable residents between the ages of 16-65 is not possible. Therefore, the total annual license revenue loss to DNREC is indeterminable.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2019:	Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2020:	Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2021:	Indeterminable

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