



**150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 66
SPONSOR:	Senator Paradee
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO ENFORCE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL'S DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon the signature of the Governor.
2. This Act enables the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") to employ Seasonal Patrol Officers without conferring on the Seasonal Patrol Officers all the powers of investigation, detention, and arrest conferred by law on peace officers or constables under § 4701(a)(8) of Title 7.
3. Seasonal Patrol Officers will assist DNREC's Park Rangers in Coastal Parks, and have limited powers to enforce the Division of Parks and Recreation's rules and regulations, such as issuing summonses and warnings.
4. It is estimated 15 Seasonal Patrol Officers will receive authorization through this Act. These Seasonal Patrol Officers will work an estimated 20,000 hours annually.
5. The average hourly rate for Seasonal Patrol Officers authorized by this Act will be \$11.18 per hour which is an increase of \$0.50 per hour above the current rate for non-authorized Seasonal Patrol Officers. Personnel costs include other employment costs at a rate of 9.31%.
6. All personnel costs will be paid from park fee collections which are Appropriated Special Funds ("ASF").

<u>Cost:</u>	<u>ASF</u>
Fiscal Year 2020:	\$10,931
Fiscal Year 2021:	\$10,931
Fiscal Year 2020:	\$10,931

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