152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 14**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Carson**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TROTLINE LICENSES.**

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:
This Act creates a new license for trotlines in commercial crabbing and takes effect on January 1 following its enactment into law.

Affected Entities:
Affected entities of this legislation are commercial crabbers and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).

Fiscal Impact:

- This Act directs DNREC to offer annual trotline crab licenses at $57.50 for residents and $575 for non-residents.
- This Act permits commercial crabbers to possess either the current crab pot license or the new crab trotline license.
- There are currently 240 active commercial crab pot licenses. However, the total number of licenses is limited per Title 7, Chapter 29, §1918(a) to a maximum of 100 total crab pot and trotline licenses to be held.
- Commercial crab fishing licenses can be transferred at any time, including posthumously to immediate family; and at any time to another person who is eligible to receive the license.

Per DNREC, it is anticipated that the addition of trotline licenses would most likely result in a loss of revenue due to some existing license holders switching from crab pot licenses to trotline licenses.

Intended Use of Revenue:
Revenues generated are intended to support the administrative costs of the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife.

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