

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1531

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Tran

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Cruelty to elephants; pain-inflicting training tools prohibited; actions for attachment; civil penalty.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits using devices such as a bullhook, axe handle, or block and tackle or engaging in certain practices in order to discipline, train, or control the behavior of an elephant. The bill provides that any person who uses such devices or engages in certain practices that inflict fear or pain on or cause physical injury to an elephant is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 for the first offense and not to exceed \$5,000 for subsequent violations. Finally, the bill provides that an action in equity may be brought to request an attachment for any devices prohibited by the bill against a person violating the provisions of the bill.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law indicates this bill presents no fiscal impact.

It is unknown how many violations of this bill will occur, and therefore, it is unknown the impact of deposits to the Literary Fund.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/30/2024