

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB216

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

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Department of Conservation and Recreation; variances to general permit requirements.

5. Summary: Requires the Soil and Water Conservation Board to develop a process by which an owner may submit a request only to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for a temporary or permanent variance to the general permit requirements for certain impounding structures for its review and consideration. The bill directs the Department to study issues relating to hazard potential classifications for impounding structures in the Commonwealth and report its findings to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources by December 1, 2024. The bill also directs the Department to advise the Governor and the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources of any variances to the general permit requirements granted by the Department.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the impact of this bill can be absorbed within current resources of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. According to the agency, conducting the study will impact existing staff resources to thoroughly research and review the hazard potential classification methodologies used throughout the United States.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation; Soil and Water Conservation Board.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.