

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2302

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Amundson

**3. Committee** Conservation & Natural Resources

**4. Title** Littering in state parks

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This legislation imposes a \$250 civil penalty on any person who improperly disposes of litter in a Virginia state park. The proceeds collected from civil penalties will be deposited into the Conservation Resources Fund to help maintain the state parks.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See Item 8

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The fiscal impact cannot be determined because the number of people who might violate the provisions of the bill is unknown. All civil penalties collected from the violation of these provisions will be deposited into the Conservation Resources Fund at the Department of Conservation and Recreation rather than into the Literary Fund. The Conservation Resources Fund is used to conserve, develop, maintain, and operate state parks.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Conservation and Recreation

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** Yes. The Department of Conservation and Recreation is working with the patron to craft a technical amendment to this legislation.

**11. Other comments:** Regulation §4VAC5-30-70 already makes littering in State Parks unlawful and pursuant to §10.1-104 of the Code of Virginia, it is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Littering in general is unlawful pursuant to §33.1-346 and is an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,500 and or up to twelve months in jail.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources

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