

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB2302

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

2. **Patron** Amundson

3. **Committee** Communicated to Senate

4. **Title** Littering in state parks

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation makes permissible the imposition of a civil penalty of not more than \$250 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:** No

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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