

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 2529

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Phillips, C.

3. Committee Mining and Mineral Resources

4. Title Permits for underground coal mining under water supply impoundments.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Prohibits a permit application for coal surface mining operations from being approved unless the applicant demonstrates to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, and the department finds in writing, that any underground coal mining that is located under an impoundment of water used for public water supply purposes or the immediate watershed basin of such impoundment is not reasonably likely to cause material damage to the public water supply. The bill requires the director to suspend ongoing underground coal mining under such impoundments and immediate watershed basin if he finds imminent danger to the public water supply. Clarifies that the term immediate watershed basin is not to be construed to include an area greater than 1,000 acres.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: None

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

Counties of Lee, Wise, Dickenson, Buchanan, Tazewell, Russell, and Scott, including the towns located in these counties

City of Norton

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: SB1153 is a companion bill.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade

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