

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2601

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

2. Patron Nixon

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Notification of discharges to state waters

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill would clarify that any person who, in violation of the provisions of subsection A of § 62.1-44.5 (which require a permit or a certificate for discharges), discharges or causes or allows i) a discharge of sewage, industrial waste, other wastes or any noxious or deleterious substance into state waters or ii) a discharge that may reasonably be expected to enter state waters must promptly, but in no case later than 24 hours after learning of the discharge, notify the State Water Control Board, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, or the coordinator of emergency services for the locality reasonably expected to be affected by such discharge. Those who violate the notice requirement would be subject to the penalty provisions of the State Water Control Law.

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

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** According to the Department of Environmental Quality, there would be no significant costs to the state associated with this bill because it would simply clarify existing notification responsibilities.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Environmental Quality.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** This bill is identical to SB 1285 as passed by the Senate.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources

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