

**Department of Planning and Budget
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

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1. Bill Number: SB319

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Standards for use of coastal primary sand dunes; exemption

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill exempts the Sandbridge Beach Subdivision from existing requirements relating to construction on primary sand dunes. The bill also provides that property owners with structures or property in clear and imminent danger from erosion and storm drainages shall be allowed to erect protective bulkheads or other equivalent structural improvements as approved by the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board, and requires that the applicant consent in writing to the future construction of bulkhead styling into the applicant's bulkhead from adjacent properties. These provisions shall expire on January 1, 2006.

6. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Department of Environmental Quality, if the bill is adopted in its present form, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) may require the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program to submit a formal program change document. It may take up to one year to develop the document due to the need to coordinate with all agencies that are members of the Virginia coastal program, meet public participation requirements, and review policy. During the development process, NOAA has the authority to withhold all or part of the annual federal grant funds provided under the Coastal Zone Management Act for the Virginia coastal program. Further, if NOAA does not agree to the program change, the coastal program may no longer be eligible for federal funds.

The annual federal grant to the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program of \$3.5 million is used for personnel and operating costs at the Department of Environmental Quality (four positions), personnel and operating costs at the Marine Resources Commission (four positions), personnel and operating costs at eight Planning District Commissions and one locality in Tidewater (technical support for wetlands boards, land use planning, and residential wastewater), and personnel, operating and research costs at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Marine Resources Commission, Virginia Beach Wetlands Board, and the Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

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11. Other comments: Bill is identical to House Bill 646.

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