

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB1142

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron McDonnell

3. Committee Passed the House

4. Title Eradication of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to utilize the best available scientific technology that is specific to controlling the targeted nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species, environmentally sound, practical, and cost effective. This bill also directs the Secretary of Natural Resources to seek and accept all possible funding from other sources, if general fund appropriation is not provided, to carry out the purposes of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are not available: SEE ITEM 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill has no fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. It simply provides direction for the Secretary of Natural Resources to accept funding from other sources to enforce the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Act, created in 2003. That act requires the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to control or eradicate zebra mussels, quagga mussels, and all species of snakehead fishes of the family Channidae. The only known threat is currently an infestation of zebra mussels in the 12-acre Millbrook Quarry in western Prince William County. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries estimates the cost to eradicate the zebra mussels at \$650,000. Since no general fund appropriation has been provided to eradicate the zebra mussels, the bill requires the Secretary of Natural Resources to seek and accept other sources of funding.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources

