

## Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1790

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

**2. Patron:** Cox

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Nutrient management plans

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill requires state governmental entities that own or lease land upon which nutrients are applied to develop and implement a nutrient management plan by July 1, 2006. The plans are submitted to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for review and approval every three years. Each plan has to be developed by a certified nutrient planner. The Department may provide technical assistance to state governmental agencies in developing and implementing their plans and is authorized to charge a fee to cover a portion of the cost of the services rendered.

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

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** According to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, state agencies should incur minimal cost for the development of nutrient management plans. The department will be providing assistance with plan development. The bill permits the department to assess an administrative charge for costs associated with its responsibilities for plan review and assistance. However, the department will assess the workload associated with the responsibilities during the first year of implementation to determine if a charge is necessary.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State agencies, state colleges and universities, other state governmental entities, Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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

**11. Other comments:** The House substitute exempts state agricultural and forestal lands on which research involving nutrient application rate and timing is being conducted.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources