

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2212

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: Dillard

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: The Natural Area Preservation Fund

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill adds fees, lease proceeds, and funds accruing from the use or management of state natural area preserves acquired or held by the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Natural Area Preservation Fund.

6. Fiscal impact: See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No, the Department of Conservation and Recreation's nongeneral fund appropriation may be increased administratively as needed.

8. Fiscal implications: Current management practices for natural preserves create several opportunities for generating revenue, such as short-term agriculture leases on acquired properties or small (one to five acre) pulpwood timber sales as part of a natural area restoration. The proposal directs funds generated through preserve management for use in the natural area preserve system.

The legislation will have a minimal revenue impact on the Department of Conservation and Recreation's budget that cannot be determined at this time. The revenue generating activities are likely to be sporadic and short-term, for example, one-time timber sales resulting from storm damage clean-up in a natural preserve. Any necessary adjustment to the agency's appropriation may be made administratively as needed.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources