

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB 2624

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Byron

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Injection of sewage sludge into the soil

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill would require the Board of Health and the State Water Control Board to develop regulations specifying and providing for extended buffers to be employed for application of sewage sludge (i) to hay, pasture, and forestlands; or (ii) to croplands where surface incorporation is not practicable or is incompatible with a soil conservation plan meeting the standards and specifications of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. Such extended buffers could be included by the Department of Health or the Department of Environmental Quality as site specific permit conditions as an alternative to surface incorporation when necessary to protect odor sensitive receptors as determined by the Department or the local monitor.

**6. Fiscal impact:** There would be no significant fiscal impact associated with this bill.

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

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

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

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources  
Secretary of Health and Human Resources