

**Department of Planning and Budget
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Bill Number** HB 1185

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron** Landes

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Riparian rights for agriculture and livestock

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill would provide that no Virginia Water Protection permit may be required for any water withdrawal from a privately owned agriculture pond, emergency water storage facility, or other water retention facility that is located outside the path of regularly flowing surface waters. The bill also provides that riparian landowners shall be authorized to withdraw reasonable amounts of water for use on those lands for an agricultural operation to the extent such withdrawals do not adversely impact other off-stream beneficial uses, fish and wildlife habitat, waste assimilation, or commercial navigation. Such agricultural withdrawals would be given priority over riparian uses not listed such as cultural, historic, recreational, aesthetic, and other riparian uses.

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

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

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

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

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

11. **Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources