

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1562

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Waddell

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; disclosure; previous mining and abandoned mines.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill provides that for the sale of new dwellings, located wholly or partially in any locality comprising Planning District 15, the builder or owner, if the builder is not the owner, shall disclose in writing whether the builder or owner has any knowledge of (i) whether mining operations had previously been conducted on the property or (ii) the presence of abandoned mines, shafts, or pits, if any.

6. Fiscal Impact: According to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME), this bill is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact. In order to respond to owner and builder inquiries, DMME will utilize existing in-house resources to develop an automated mechanism for determining whether mining operations had previously been conducted on the property for sale as well as to determine the presence of abandoned mines, shafts, or pits.

The enrolled version of this bill only impacts “property that is located wholly or partially in any locality comprising Planning District 15”. The addition of this language reduces the number of properties impacted by the legislation and reduces the likelihood that DMME may have to seek additional resources to implement a web-based system if owner and builder inquiries for this type of information exceed DMME’s current expectations. It is not possible to estimate the potential fiscal impact of such a system until the volume of demand is further understood.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Dept. of Mines, Minerals and Energy

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade