

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB982

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

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Control of avian influenza; penalty

5. Summary/Purpose: The engrossed bill allows the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations to prevent and control avian influenza in the live-bird marketing system, and authorizes the Commissioner to participate in the federal Live Bird Marketing Program of the United States Department of Agriculture. Failure to comply with regulations promulgated under the bill is subject to civil penalties. The second enactment clause states that regulations take effect upon filing.

6. Fiscal impact: Any costs associated with development and promulgation of regulations by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may be absorbed within the department's existing appropriation. Revenue from civil penalties assessed for violation of the provisions of the bill cannot be estimated at this time.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. The nongeneral fund appropriation may be adjusted administratively as needed to account for civil penalties collected.

8. Fiscal implications: Any person violating any regulation adopted pursuant to the provisions of the bill is subject to civil penalties not to exceed \$2,500 per day per violation. The civil penalties will be paid into a special fund and used for carrying out the provisions of the bill.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Consumer Services