

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

**1. Bill Number** SB 651

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

**2. Patron** Puckett

**3. Committee** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title** Mercury emission controls

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill would provide that no state plan that imposes mercury emission controls that are (i) more stringent than the federal Clean Air Mercury Rule (the Rule) or (ii) imposed earlier than necessary for the Commonwealth to comply with the Rule may be approved by the State Air Pollution Control Board or submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The bill also would provide that the Board may not adopt any regulations, memoranda of understanding, or similar agreements seeking to implement such controls or to restrict the trading of mercury allowances in a manner that precludes a source's full participation in the EPA's national mercury trading program. The bill would further require that, for pollutants other than those regulated by the EPA pursuant to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, the Board must promulgate regulations to provide for emissions trading programs to the fullest extent permitted by federal law.

**6. Fiscal impact:** There would be no significant fiscal impact associated with the bill and any related additional costs could be funded from existing resources.

**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:** This bill is identical to HB 1471 as introduced.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources