

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2487

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bulova

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:** Low-flow protections

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill requires any Virginia Water Protection Permit issued after July 1, 2007, authorizing the withdrawal of water from the Potomac River and its tributaries for any purpose other than municipal water supply, to incorporate low-flow protections if the withdrawal exceeds 500,000 gallons per day. As a condition of permit, the permittee will be required to augment instream flow during low-flow periods by having available offstream storage equal to the amount of water that is consumed in excess of 500,000 per day. The bill provides several ways for a permittee to comply with this requirement.

**6. No fiscal impact.**

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** None.

**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