

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 3134

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Harvey B. Morgan

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Sewage disposal; certification of certain workers

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill requires the Board of Health to establish a program for the operation and maintenance of alternative onsite sewage systems. The bill also requires the owner of an alternative onsite sewage system to have the system operated by a licensed operator and visited by the operator as specified in the operation permit. Legislation establishes a statewide web-based reporting system to track the operation, monitoring, and maintenance requirements of each system, including its components, and requires reports on the results of site visits utilizing the web-based system. A special fund, Onsite Operation and Maintenance Fund, is created to cover the costs of the program. The bill updates the definition of decentralized onsite wastewater treatment systems. Re-establishes the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators as the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage Systems Professionals, and expands the membership of the Board from seven to 11 members.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Responsibility for qualifying individuals as authorized onsite soil evaluators currently rests entirely with the Department of Health (VDH). The legislation does not require VDH to expend any additional resources effective this biennium. Beginning July 1, 2009, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) will become responsible for promulgating regulations for licensure requirements for operators of alternative onsite sewage systems.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department of Health and Department of Professional and Occupational Regulations (DPOR)

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: Legislation is similar to SB 1270.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources