

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1270

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Mark R. Herring

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Sewage disposal; certification of certain workers

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires the Board of Health to promulgate regulations governing the certification of individuals engaged in the occupation of maintaining nonconventional sewage disposal systems as defined in § 15.2-2157. Such regulations shall include education and training requirements, relevant work experience, demonstrated knowledge and skill, and any other criteria the Board deems necessary.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are Preliminary: See Item #8.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

	<i>Dollars</i>		
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>NGF</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2007-08	-	\$313,550	4.0
2008-09	-	\$293,500	0.0
2009-10	-	\$293,500	0.0
2010-11	-	\$293,500	0.0
2011-12	-	\$293,500	0.0
2012-13	-	\$293,500	0.0

6b. Revenue Impact:

	Dollars		
Fiscal Year	GF	NGF	Positions
2007-08	-	\$325,000	0.0
2008-09	-	\$325,000	0.0
2009-10	-	\$325,000	0.0
2010-11	-	\$325,000	0.0
2011-12	-	\$325,000	0.0
2012-13	-	\$325,000	0.0

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item# 565.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal impact for this legislation is associated with the cost of three full-time equivalent positions classified as Environmental Health Coordinators and one support positions classified as a Fiscal Technician Senior. These four positions will manage the programs contemplated by governing the certification of individuals engaged in the

occupation of maintaining nonconventional sewage disposal systems. These positions would establish and maintain the training and testing for the certification programs, identify training needs on an ongoing basis, investigate complaints, perform disciplinary actions, and track continuing education for the regulants.

The cost of the three full-time equivalent positions is based on a salary of \$60,000 per year plus 25% benefits for a total of \$76,000 ($\$76,000 \times 3 = 228,000$). The cost associated with the one part-time staff position is based on a salary of \$35,000 per year plus 25% benefits for a total of \$43,750. In addition to the salary, the one-time purchase of desktop computers and other office equipment in the initial year; the cost of travel and program training; and telephone and miscellaneous expenditures are included in each subsequent year. The funding for these positions could be supported with either general funds, user fees (non-general funds), or with a combination of both funds.

The revenue from the proposed legislation would be generated from the \$75 mandated application fee for sewage disposal system maintenance workers. In FY 2006, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) approved 19,225 construction permits in Virginia. VDH estimates that there may be as many as 350 to 700 sewage system installers in the Commonwealth (ten to 20 installers per health district).

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: No.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources