

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB211

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: **Water Protection Permit; exempts landowners whose construction or maintenance may impact wetlands**

5. Summary: The bill exempts landowners whose construction or maintenance of their farm or stock ponds may impact wetlands from having to obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit. The bill defines farm and stock ponds as those that do not fall under the authority of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 6, Code of Virginia.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Current practices of the Department of Environmental Quality will not be impacted by the bill. There is the potential for reduction in water permits fees of \$5,000 per year due to the exemption of certain farm ponds.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality, State Water Control Board.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources