

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1460

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute X Engrossed
Second House X In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Puckett

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Replacement of water by gas well operators.**

5. Summary: This bill requires the operator of any gas well, whether a conventional or coalbed methane well, to replace any water supply contaminated or interrupted by an operation that is within 750 feet of a water well. Surface owners must allow gas well operators to sample water from such wells. Currently, these requirements apply only to operators of coalbed methane wells and not to operators of conventional gas wells.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy stated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade