

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB346

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

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: **Land conservation practices; information management.**

5. Summary: This bill requires the Secretary of Natural Resources, with assistance from the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, to develop a strategy for a database of acreage maintained pursuant to land conservation and on-site best management practices. To the extent possible or appropriate, the database shall (i) be uniform in content and format to applications in the other states of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, (ii) maintain the confidentiality of information, and (iii) use existing methods of data collection. By November 1, 2010, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall submit a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee on the establishment of the database and associated costs and responsibilities for its long-term maintenance.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will provide a study to Secretary of Natural Resources on the costs associated with establishing and maintaining the database required under this legislation. The costs of this study will be absorbed by the Department.

The future costs of establishing and maintaining a database to perform the provisions of this bill may have significant costs. These costs, however, will be provided in the aforementioned study performed by DCR. At this point, there is not a fiscal impact associated with this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation; Secretary of Natural Resources; Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The second enactment clause states that the Secretary of Natural Resources, by November 1, 2010, shall submit a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee on the establishment of the database and associated costs and responsibilities for its long-term maintenance.

The third enactment clause states that an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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