

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB396

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

2. Patron: Hope, P. A.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Invasive plants; Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations to control.

5. Summary: This bill instructs the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations for the control of invasive plants. The bill classifies invasive plants as belonging to one of two tiers, depending upon whether the plant is widely disseminated in Virginia. Any activity involving a tier 1 invasive plant would be prohibited without written approval, while the provision of tier 2 invasive plants to consumers by nurseries and landscaping services would be permitted if the provider were to clearly identify the plants as tier 2 invasive plants.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 94.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$ 253,773	3	General Fund
2014	\$ 193,773	3	General Fund
2015	\$ 193,773	3	General Fund
2016	\$ 193,773	3	General Fund
2017	\$ 193,773	3	General Fund
2018	\$ 193,773	3	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services estimates that three additional full-time inspectors will be necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill, at a cost of approximately \$253,773 for the first year of the biennium and \$193,773 thereafter. The cost estimate includes salaries and fringe benefits of \$57,091 per position and ongoing operating costs of \$7,500 each year for each employee. The first year costs include one-time expenditures for vehicles.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: In the proposed legislation, the language added in Section 3.2-804 B, line 70, contains the acronym “VDACS.” It is recommended that this be changed to “the Department.”

11. Other Comments: None.

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