

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1054

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

2. Patron: Black

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Voluntary contributions of taxpayer refunds; Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

5. Summary: Provides that voluntary contributions of individual income tax refunds made to support restoration of the Chesapeake Bay may be used to help fund Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries restoration activities or the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on November 29, 2010, and any subsequent revisions thereof.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary. See item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill expands the uses of money contributed to the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to include implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. All contributions are deposited to a nongeneral fund account.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Natural Resources, Department of Taxation, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes. Line 225, after “submitted” insert “by the Commonwealth of Virginia”. Line 232, after “submitted” insert “by the Commonwealth of Virginia”.

Because major portions of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries were on the impaired waters list, the Environmental Protection Agency required the states within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia) and the District of Columbia to submit Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plans identifying actions that they would take to reduce the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment entering the bay, and to execute these plans. A technical amendment to clarify that these funds may only be used to support implementation of Virginia’s plan is recommended.

11. Other Comments: HB 2039 is the companion bill.

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