

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1293

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Morris

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Stormwater fees; exemptions for religious groups.

5. **Summary:** Requires the State Water Control Board, in establishing a statewide fee schedule for stormwater management programs, to waive permit fees for land-disturbing activities undertaken on property owned by certain churches, religious associations, or religious denominations. The bill also requires localities to waive stormwater management program service charges for properties owned by such organizations.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	0	N/A
2016	(-20,000)	NGF
2017	(-20,000)	NGF
2018	(-20,000)	NGF
2019	(-20,000)	NGF
2020	(-20,000)	NGF
2021	(-20,000)	NGF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) notes that the bill could impact their fee revenue collection. New stormwater regulations and a new construction general permit fee took effect July 1, 2014. Since that time, DEQ has issued construction general permit coverage to ten entities that would potentially qualify for the fee waiver proposed by this legislation. Based upon that number, and assuming that all of those entities would qualify for the fee waiver, the potential revenue loss would be approximately \$10,000 per 6 months or \$20,000 per year.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Environmental Quality and any locality that collects a service fee to support their stormwater management program.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

Date: 01/15/2015

cc: Secretary of Natural Resources