

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1697

<b>House of Origin</b>	X	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bulova

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

**4. Title:** Synthetic plastic microbeads; prohibition against manufacture or sale of certain products; penalty.

**5. Summary:** Defines the term "synthetic plastic microbead" and prohibits the manufacture of certain personal care products containing microbeads beginning in 2018. The bill also bars the sale of such products, and the manufacture of over-the-counter drugs containing microbeads, beginning in 2019, and it prohibits the sale of such drugs beginning in 2020. Violators are subject to a civil penalty of between \$250 and \$10,000 per day, the proceeds of which are to be deposited into the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund. Naturally occurring biopolymers or other compounds that biodegrade in marine and freshwater environments are excluded from the definition of "synthetic plastic microbead."

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to information received from the Department of Environmental Quality, any additional cost could be absorbed within existing resources, and the state revenue impact to Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Environmental Quality and localities.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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Cc: Secretary of Natural Resources