

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2067

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

2. Patron: Watts

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Daylighted streams.

5. Summary: Directs the State Water Control Board (SWCB), when developing criteria for what constitutes a Resource Protection Area (RPA) under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, not to require that a daylighted stream become an RPA. However, the bill does not limit a locality's authority to include such a stream within an RPA. A daylighted stream is a stream that has been previously diverted into a culvert, pipe, or other underground drainage system and is redirected into an aboveground channel using natural channel design concepts. The bill also requires the SWCB to adopt minimum criteria that are to be included in any agreement between a locality and property owners adjacent to the daylighted stream to ensure that the stream continues to provide a water quality benefit.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to information received from the Department of Environmental Quality, this bill has no state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 01/28/2015

cc: Secretary of Natural Resources