Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB438

   House of Origin X Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

   Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Bulova

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

4. **Title:** Sediment reduction credits.

5. **Summary:** Authorizes Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permittees to acquire and use sediment reduction credits as part of a compliance strategy for implementing the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Currently, MS4s have similar authority for nitrogen and phosphorous; the bill adds a third pollutant, sediment.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any costs the Department of Environmental Quality may incur in implementing the provisions of this bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** This is a companion to SB 292.

Date: 01/21/2016 /jlm
C: Secretary of Natural Resources.