

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB976

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: Lopez

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Special orders issues by environmental boards.

5. Summary: Increases the civil penalties assessed under special orders issued by the State Air Pollution Control Board, the Solid Waste Management Board, and the State Water Control Board or by a court. Currently, the boards may assess up to \$32,500 for a single violation, not to exceed \$100,000 per order. The bill permits the boards to assess up to \$50,000 per violation, not to exceed \$1 million per order. Under the bill, the amount a court may assess for each violation is increased from \$32,500 to \$50,000. The bill also increases from \$10,000 to \$50,000 the maximum civil penalty that the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality can assess under a special order.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Environmental Quality, the additional revenue from the increase in civil penalties cannot be determined. The revenue is deposited to the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund, which is used for emergency response to environmental pollution incidents.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.