

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB977

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: Discharge of deleterious substance into state waters; notice.

5. Summary: Requires any person who unlawfully discharges any deleterious substance into state waters to notify the State Water Control Board (the Board), the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department), or the coordinator of emergency services of the affected locality within 12 hours. Current law allows such a person 24 hours to give notice. The bill also requires that written notice follow to the Board, in addition to the Department, and specifies that the required report of potentially detrimental discharges by the Board or the Department to local newspapers, television stations, and radio stations be provided to such media outlets as soon as practicable after receiving it.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Environmental Quality, any expenditure impact to the agency could be absorbed within existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This is a companion to SB 581.