

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1205

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

**2. Patron:** Tran

**3. Committee:** Finance and Appropriations

**4. Title:** Discharge of deleterious substance into state waters; notice.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to give certain information about an unlawful discharge of a deleterious substance into state waters to the Virginia Department of Health, local newspapers, television stations, and radio stations, and to disseminate such information via official social media accounts and email notification lists. The bill also requires that by December 1, 2020, DEQ, in consultation with the Department of Health, reports to the General Assembly a protocol that could be used to determine whether a discharge would have a de minimis impact on the beneficial uses of state waters and a proposed implementation procedure if subsection B of § 62.1-44.19:6 of the Code of Virginia were to be amended to require dissemination to media outlets, social media accounts, and email distribution lists of all discharges reported except for those determined to have a de minimis impact on the beneficial uses of state waters.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. The Department of Health does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Health.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.