

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1706

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Kory

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Prohibited pesticides; chlorpyrifos.

5. Summary: Prohibits the manufacture, distribution, sale, offer for sale, use, or offer for use of any pesticide containing chlorpyrifos, defined in the bill, as an active ingredient. The bill requires the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to seize any such pesticide in lieu of any other penalty imposed under current law for a violation of Chapter 39 (Pesticide Control) of Title 3.2.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) is indeterminate. The bill requires VDACS to seize any pesticide containing chlorpyrifos. The agency does not collect information regarding the amount of pesticides shipped or sold in the Commonwealth. Therefore, it is not possible to determine the volume of materials that may be seized and require disposal. Any seizure will require safe transport and secure storage of the products prior to disposal. As the agency does not currently seize or store pesticides, the costs associated with these two activities are unknown. Additionally, the bill does not specify the entity responsible for the costs of transport, storage, and disposal of any seized pesticides. Further, the number of complaints and associated investigations that may be related to the continued sale of these products is unknown. Administration of the Pesticide Control Act is a nongeneral fund supported program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.