

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1364

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

**2. Patron:** Hodges

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

**4. Title:** Resource Protection Areas; improvement plans.

**5. Summary:** Directs the State Water Control Board, in promulgating regulations that establish criteria for use by local governments to determine the ecological and geographic extent of Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas, to provide that any owner of land in a Resource Protection Area may improve such area using native plants and mixtures of organic material. The bill requires that such criteria provide that prior to implementation of such improvement, a landowner obtain a water quality impact assessment and an improvement plan with a professional stamp from a qualified landscape architect, engineer, or other relevant professional. The bill also directs the Board to approve any improvement project that has a net positive benefit to water quality.

**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.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; State Water Control Board; localities.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.