

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1162

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

2. Patron Hanger

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill would stagger the terms of the 15 citizen members of the Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council who will be appointed July 1, 2001. The bill also changes the standard for a quorum from ten members of the Council to a majority of the appointed members of the Council. In addition, the bill clarifies that citizen members of the Council shall serve without compensation. Under current law, citizen members may not receive a per diem, compensation for their service, or travel expenses. (See Item 11.)

6. **Fiscal Impact:** See Item 11.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** See Item 11.

8. **Fiscal implications:** See Item 11.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Environmental Quality.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** See Item 11.

11. **Other comments:** It appears that the intent of the bill is to clarify that citizen members shall receive no compensation for their service, **including** reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of duties. However, the *Code of Virginia* defines "compensation" and "expenses" separately. It defines compensation to mean "any amount paid in addition to reimbursement for expenses" and expenses to mean "all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties." Therefore, it appears that under the provisions of the bill the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would now be required to reimburse citizen members for their expenses. (DEQ estimates that such expenses would be approximately \$15,000 per year.)

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