

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1736

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: Fralin

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Litter Awareness Fund; created

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill creates a civil penalty of \$250 for littering. The bill also creates a Litter Awareness Fund where the money will be deposited and used by the Department of Environmental Quality to create and implement a public awareness campaign to educate the public of the harmful effects of litter on the environment and that cigarette butts are litter.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are: Indeterminate. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Litter enforcement is conducted by local governments, so the Department of Environmental Quality does not have any information concerning the penalties that will be that will be deposited to Litter Awareness Fund or if the funding would be adequate to undertake a public awareness campaign. There will be some additional costs associated with fund management, but these costs may be met using existing department staff.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources