

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1849

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Saxman

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Agri-tourism Incentives Act; penalty

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill creates the Agri-tourism Incentives Act to provide incentives for qualified farm businesses to increase investment in their farms and generate ancillary revenue from agri-tourism, such as allowing qualified farm businesses to have restaurants and provide overnight accommodations on agriculturally zoned land under certain conditions. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is tasked with administering this new program.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	\$0	0.00	---
2007-08	\$100,500	1.00	General Fund
2008-09	\$100,000	1.00	General Fund
2009-10	\$100,000	1.00	General Fund
2010-11	\$100,000	1.00	General Fund
2011-12	\$100,000	1.00	General Fund
2012-13	\$100,000	1.00	General Fund

6b. Revenue Impact: None.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 90 of HB 1650, the Introduced Budget Bill.

8. Fiscal implications: It is estimated that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will require one additional full-time employee to meet the responsibilities set forth in the bill, including establishing eligibility requirements, monitoring implementation, conducting evaluations of the program, and assisting localities. The estimated salary for the position is \$60,000, and fringe benefit costs are estimated at \$22,440 for a total personal services budget of \$82,440. In addition, nonpersonal services cost of \$17,560 are needed for expenditures such as state vehicles, lodging, per diem, office space, and general administrative costs. In the first year, recruitment cost of \$500 are also required.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, localities.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry