

Department of Planning and Budget

2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2816

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: Sickles

3. Committee: Chesapeake, Agriculture, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Weights and measures

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill allows the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish a schedule for the examination and calibration of weights and measures testing equipment by service agencies. The bill also requires service agencies to destroy out-of-service tags after corrective action and extends the deadline for reporting to the Commissioner from 48 hours to five days.

6. No fiscal impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill will reduce the paperwork and compliance burden on service agencies and technicians, and it is consistent with changes made to the weights and measures program in the 2005 Session of the General Assembly to promote a more active role for service agencies in ensuring the accuracy of weight and measures devices.

The bill will result in slight revenue and expenditure increases for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that may be absorbed in the department's existing appropriation. It is estimated that approximately 100 companies will have their standards calibrated by the department at an average cost of \$50 per company, for estimated annual revenue of \$5,000. The projected workload may be met with existing resources, and the revenue will be used to offset the additional overhead expenses.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry