

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB3135

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**2. Patron** Abbitt

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

**4. Title** Revenue from state forests.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Designates one-eighth of the proceeds generated by the state forests to go to the Counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, and Cumberland and one-eighth to be expended by the Department of Forestry (DOF), in consultation with these counties, to enhance recreational opportunities in the state forests located in the three counties.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Currently, the Code requires DOF to give 25 percent of the total gross proceeds generated by the state forest to the county in which that state forest is located for general administration. The bill would provide that one half of the gross proceeds (one-eighth of the total gross proceeds) which normally go to the Counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, and Cumberland stay in DOF and be used for the enhancement of recreational opportunities on those state forests located in the county.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Forestry, Counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, and Cumberland.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** It is unclear how, if at all, the legislation would impact counties other than Appomattox, Buckingham, and Cumberland in which state forests are located. Currently, each locality in which a state forest is located receives 25 percent of the gross proceeds generated from that state forest.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry