

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1214

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Tyler

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

**4. Title:**            **Sale of trees from state-owned forests.**

**5. Summary:** Sale of trees from state-owned forests. Increases to \$50,000 the minimum threshold at which public bidding is required for sales of trees taken from state forests. Currently, the State Forester is required to solicit bids if the underlying value of the trees is greater than from \$10,000.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are:** Indeterminate. See item 8, below.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation could result in an increase in revenue, although the amount cannot be determined. Increasing the threshold for competitive bidding will allow for better and quicker responses and expedited timber sales in those situations that are time sensitive, such as isolated insect attacks and a storm event.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Forestry.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The 2007 General Assembly enacted similar legislation permitting the Department of Conservation and Recreation to raise the threshold for small timber sales requiring competitive bidding to \$50,000 (Chapter 158, 2007 Session).

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry