

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1317

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

**2. Patron:**        Alexander

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

**4. Title:**         **Conveyance of subaqueous lands**

**5. Summary:** The bill provides that a landowner may obtain a declaration from the Marine Resources Commission as to whether certain property is considered state-owned bottomlands. The bill authorizes the Marine Resources Commission, with approval of the Governor, to sell and convey any interest that the Commonwealth retains in approximately 3.615 acres of previously filled subaqueous lands along the Lafayette River in the City of Norfolk to Thornton Hall of Norfolk LLC and 0.2 acres to Thornton Hall Inc. in accordance with § 28.2-1200.1. This section provides that the Commonwealth may convey previously filled subaqueous lands to private parties in an amount equivalent to 25 percent of the assessed value of the specified parcel, exclusive of buildings or other improvements.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The property conveyance may result in some revenue to the Marine Resources Commission, but the amount cannot be determined at this time. The bill provides for the Marine Resources Commission to establish terms and conditions for the conveyance. Section 28.2 – 1200.1, Code of Virginia, provides that compensation for conveyance of parcels of state-owned bottomland that have been lawfully filled will be 25 percent of the ten-year average real estate tax assessment for the parcel.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources