

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB135

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

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Application of fertilizers**

5. Summary: The bill amends the Virginia Fertilizer Act by requiring commercial fertilizer applicators to (i) obtain a soil analysis of the property on which fertilizer is being applied; (ii) apply fertilizer in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the soil analysis; and (iii) disclose the analysis to the client at the time of payment. The bill provides a civil penalty of \$500 for not providing the customer with the analysis.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$124,897	2.0	General
2010	\$124,897	2.0	General
2011	\$124,897	2.0	General
2012	\$124,897	2.0	General
2013	\$124,897	2.0	General
2014	\$124,897	2.0	General

6b. Revenue Impact: See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 100 of Senate Bill 30.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, responding to and investigating complaints to ensure compliance by the 535 certified fertilizer contractor applicators. The bill provides for civil penalties of \$500 per violation, but the revenue may not be estimated at this time because the number of violations cannot be predicted.

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