Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1774

   House of Origin X Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed

   Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Pollard

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

4. **Title:** No discharge zone

5. **Summary:** The bill establishes the tidal creeks of the Commonwealth as no discharge zones. Vessels operating in these designated areas would be prohibited from discharging treated and untreated waste into the waters.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The bill does not have a fiscal impact for the Department of Environmental Quality.

   Anyone found guilty of violating the provisions of the bill may be convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A Class 1 misdemeanor is punishable by a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this legislation. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities $8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2008), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged $28.77 per inmate, per day in FY 2007.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources