

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2565

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

2. Patron: Knight

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Lease of development rights program

5. Summary: The bill tasks the Office of Farmland Preservation to create a lease of development rights program. Under such program, properties of 10 acres and larger would be eligible to participate in a lease of development rights program whereby the property owner relinquishes “by right” development for at least seven years in exchange for a contractually agreed upon lease amount.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$92,000	1.0	general
2011	\$92,000	1.0	general
2012	\$92,000	1.0	general
2013	\$92,000	1.0	general
2014	\$92,000	1.0	general
2015	\$92,000	1.0	general

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 94 of House Bill 1600.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Office of Farmland Preservation only has one full-time position to coordinate and oversee the program. While the new duties that are included in the bill do not by themselves warrant a full-time position, taken as a whole, the establishment, rule promulgation, and administration of the lease of development rights program will necessitate an additional position to effectively administer the responsibilities of the office. The expenditure impact includes salary and fringe benefits for one position and related operating costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Farmland Preservation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Consumer Services