

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1625

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Knight

3. Committee Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title Qualified fumigation facilities exempted from regulations

5. Summary: Exempts facilities referred to as qualified fumigation facilities from various state and federal regulations. The bill defines the types of facilities that are exempted. However, the operators of such facilities must provide written notice to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prior to conducting fumigation activities and are required to post signage that is visible and legible from the public right-of-way prior to any fumigation operation and that remains in place after the completion of any fumigation activities, and conform to the format for placards mandated by the federally approved fumigant label. The bill also directs DEQ, in consultation with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to conduct enhanced air monitoring at fumigation sites and make its findings available to the Department of Health by July 2013. The Department of Health shall (i) assess air monitoring data; (ii) determine whether health concerns exist at fumigation sites; and (iii) make recommendations, if necessary, to the fumigation services industry through appropriate trade groups and the Department of Environmental Quality as to whether additional preventative measures are needed to protect public health.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No

7. Fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact

8. Fiscal implications: This bill requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to conduct enhanced air monitoring at fumigation sites and make its findings available to the Virginia Department of Health. DEQ has an existing monitoring program and will be able to provide the necessary data to the Department of Health within its current resources. No additional funding will be required.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Health (VDH)

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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