

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB 1625H1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ 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 24 hours prior to any fumigation operation and that remains in place 24 hours after the completion of any fumigation activities, stating that fumigation activities are occurring at the site. The bill also directs the Virginia Department of Health to conduct a study, which is to be completed by July 1, 2013, to determine whether emissions from these facilities present an unacceptable risk to human health and make recommendations to the General Assembly and the DEQ as to whether additional regulations are necessary to protect the public.

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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