

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1482

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Farrell, P. F.

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Waterworks operator or wastewater works operator; required to sit for operator examination.

5. **Summary:** This bill will require the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals to permit any Class 1 waterworks operator or wastewater works operator to sit for the conventional onsite sewage system operator examination. This board falls under the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$0	0	n/a
2014	\$0	0	n/a
2015	\$0	0	n/a
2016	\$0	0	n/a
2017	\$0	0	n/a
2018	\$0	0	n/a
2019	\$0	0	n/a

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$0	n/a
2014	\$8,000	Dedicated Special Revenue
2015	\$8,000	Dedicated Special Revenue
2016	\$6,400	Dedicated Special Revenue
2017	\$6,400	Dedicated Special Revenue
2018	\$6,400	Dedicated Special Revenue
2019	\$6,400	Dedicated Special Revenue

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill will increase the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by expanding the criteria for conventional onsite sewage system operator exam candidates to include Class 1

waterworks operators or wastewater works operators licensed by the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals (the Board). Approximately 160 additional exam candidates are expected to apply and become licensed over the first two fiscal years. Additional workloads associated with the increase in volume of regulants are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within the department's current resources and appropriations. There is no other impact on current licensees.

Revenue: In accordance with the provisions of Section 54.1-113 (Callahan Act) of the Code of Virginia, licensing fees are established at rates adequate to cover a program's operating costs and a proportionate share of agency support costs. The Board's cash and revenues are sufficient to cover the increased costs associated with this legislation. Revenue is expected to increase in the first two years as approximately 160 new regulants apply for licensure, and in future years for new regulants entering the program and license renewals. Revenue calculated in table 7.b. assumes approximately 80 regulants per year.

Cost to Regulants: Except for the current regulants choosing to apply for the conventional onsite sewage system operator license, no additional cost to current licensees is expected as a result of this legislation. Licensing fees for the conventional onsite sewage system operator license are \$100 for an initial application and \$80 for a two-year license renewal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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