

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1482

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> 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: As amended, this bill requires the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals (the Board) to permit any Class 1 wastewater works operator to sit for the conventional onsite sewage system operator examination.

The introduced bill included waterworks operators and wastewater works operators as permitted to sit for the exam. The amended version removes waterworks operators from being permitted to sit for the exam.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See #8.

7a. Expenditure Impact: None.

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$0	n/a
2014	\$4,500	Dedicated Special Revenue
2015	\$4,500	Dedicated Special Revenue
2016	\$3,600	Dedicated Special Revenue
2017	\$3,600	Dedicated Special Revenue
2018	\$3,600	Dedicated Special Revenue
2019	\$3,600	Dedicated Special Revenue

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in a minimal revenue impact for the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). The bill expands the criteria for conventional onsite sewage system operator exam candidates to include Class 1 wastewater works operators licensed by the Board. Approximately 90 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 DPOR'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), 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 90 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 45 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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