

**Department of General Services
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1834

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

2. Patron: Poindexter

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: High Performance Buildings Act; use of certain forest products

5. Summary: The bill requires the Department of General Services to include in the high performance building certification program, certificate credits for forest products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council or certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative or the American Tree Farm System.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill has the potential to limit competition and increase construction costs by specifying certain forest products as eligible for certificate credits in accordance with standards established by the Virginia Energy Conservation and Environmental Standards (VEES).

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Any state entity seeking VEES certification for a building project.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/24/2013