

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB884

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

**2. Patron:** Deeds

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Impoundment structures; notice of increase in the flow of water; penalty.

**5. Summary:** This bill prohibits an owner of a high hazard potential impounding structure from increasing the flow of water in a manner that increases water depths below the structure by more than two feet without notifying certain property owners and emergency services. The bill does not apply to some releases of water, such as those due to certain rain events or emergencies. Civil penalties assessed for violations are to be paid into the Dam Safety Administrative Fund. The bill further instructs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to promulgate guidance for implementing the law.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; see item 8, below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, any minimal costs associated with this bill can be absorbed within the agency's budget.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Conservation and Recreation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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