

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2246

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

**2. Patron:** Poindexter

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

**4. Title:** Regulation of wood heaters.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits the Air Pollution Control Board from adopting regulations that limit emissions from wood heaters. A wood heater is defined as a wood stove, pellet stove, wood-fired hydronic heater, wood-burning forced-air furnace, or masonry wood heater designed for heating a home or a business. The bill also prohibits the Board from enforcing any federal regulation limiting emissions from wood heaters that was adopted after May 1, 2014.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), there is no state fiscal impact from this bill. Most wood heaters designed for heating homes or businesses are not currently regulated by DEQ. A wood heater would only be regulated if it were large enough to require a minor source air permit.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Environmental Quality.

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

**11. Other Comments:** States are not required to accept federal enforcement authority for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, but the EPA can enforce its own regulations.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources