

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2246-H1

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	X 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: 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 further defines that a wood heater has either (i) uncontrolled fine particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5) emissions of less than 10 tons per year or with a maximum heat input of less than 1,000,000 Btu/hr or (ii) uncontrolled fine particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 10 micrometers (PM10) emissions of less than 15 tons per year or with a maximum heat input of less than 1,000,000 Btu/hr. 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.

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