

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2477

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:** Orrock

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Onsite sewage systems and private wells; VDH to take steps to eliminate site evaluation.

**5. Summary:** Department of Health (VDH) to take steps to eliminate site evaluation and design services for onsite sewage systems and private wells. Directs the Department of Health to take certain steps to eliminate site evaluation and design services for onsite sewage systems and private wells provided by the Department.

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

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the commonwealth. The bill eliminates site evaluation and design services for onsite sewage systems and private wells provided by VDH. However, the bill also requires that the agency inspect all onsite sewage systems and private wells designed by private sector service providers; these inspections will be conducted using the same staff resources previously used for site evaluation and design services. Therefore, any fee revenue lost from the elimination of services at the Department will be recovered from inspections fees from private sector service providers. VDH has sufficient nongeneral fund appropriation to accommodate such a change in fee revenue. This bill also requires VDH to implement eight of 20 recommendations found in the agency's November 28, 2016, report pursuant to HB 558 of the 2016 General Assembly session. The agency offered this report to the General Assembly to demonstrate VDH's strategic vision and offer a plan to reduce and eliminate direct services provided by VDH for the evaluation and design of onsite sewage systems and private wells. The agency has stated that any changes to regulations can be absorbed with current resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.