

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1266

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

**2. Patron:** Hodges

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Septic system inspectors; requirements to perform a septic system inspection.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes any individual who holds a valid onsite sewage system operator, onsite sewage system installer, or onsite soil evaluator license pursuant to § 54.1-2300 et seq. shall be authorized to perform a septic system inspection in connection with any real estate transaction, including refinancings. No person shall use the title “accredited septic system inspector” or perform a septic system inspection in connection with any real estate transaction unless he meets the requirement of this chapter. Also, provides that any individual who performs a septic system inspection in connection with any real estate transaction without meeting the requirements to perform such an inspection is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not result in an expenditure impact to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

A Class 3 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$500. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.