

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB328

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Lucas

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Overweight permits; forest products.

**5. Summary:** Clarifies that the definition of forest products for the purpose of qualifying for an overweight permit for hauling forest products includes wood pellets.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would clarify that the definition of forest products eligible for an exempt hauling permit includes wood pellets. Under existing statute, the fee for these overweight permits is \$130 annually of which \$10 is retained by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) as an administrative fee with the remaining \$120 deposited to the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. DMV has been issuing exempt overweight permits to those hauling wood pellets which were being considered “wood residuals” and included under the existing definition of forest products. As a result, this bill is not anticipated to have a state fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles; Virginia Department of Transportation; localities

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to HB1348.