

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1974

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

2. Patron: Rush

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Professional regulation; exemptions from license requirements for architects and engineers.

5. Summary: Removes certain requirements from the exemption from licensure as an architect or professional engineer for persons who prepare plans, specifications, documents, and designs for conventional and alternative onsite sewage systems receiving residential wastewater. The bill removes the requirement that any such plans, specifications, documents, or designs utilize packaged equipment generally, changes the allowable flow rate from 1,000 to 1,200 gallons per day, and removes stipulations related to the inclusion of pumps.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

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

It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This bill exclusively impacts conventional and alternative onsite sewage systems authorized under Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia. This bill does not impact alternative discharging sewage systems authorized under Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia, and subsequently regulated under DEQ's Domestic Sewage General Permit.

It is anticipated that the costs to promulgate regulations as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources by the Department of Health Professions.

It is anticipated that this bill will not impact the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Health Professions; Department of Housing and Community Development.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.