

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2025 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB2309

**Patron:** Hodges

**Bill Title:** Department of Health; local health districts and local health departments; guidance for septic and well permits.

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Department of Health to develop guidance directing local health districts and local health departments to evaluate and recommend administrative solutions to problems with a valid septic or well permit prior to issuing a revocation for such valid septic or well permit.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**Items Impacted:** None.

**Fiscal Summary:** Any anticipated impact is minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The provisions of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health. The provisions of this legislation require VDH to develop guidance for local health departments, which will include soliciting input from internal and external stakeholders. The costs of developing guidance can be absorbed by the agency. The guidance will have an indeterminant impact on local health departments to conduct additional outreach to property owners, private sector system designers, and installers. When a design or installation does not comply with the regulations, local health departments may need to provide more one-on-one assistance to private sector designers and installers to correct their deficiencies to avoid permit denials or revocations. Any increase in workload during restaurant inspections is anticipated to be minimal and can be handled within existing resources.

**Other:** None.