Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 2671 H1 **Patron:** Phillips
Bill Title: Septic system inspectors; minimum requirements

Bill Summary: Adds a definition of "inspection" for the purposes of septic system inspections in connection with real estate transactions. The bill also adds minimum requirements for septic system inspectors in conducting such inspections.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None

Explanation: This bill will impact the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH), however no budget action is needed.

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact to the Commonwealth is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill limits authority to perform septic system inspections to only those individuals that hold an onsite installer, onsite operator, or onsite soil evaluator (OSE) license. DPOR's Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals (WWWOOSSP) establishes requirements for licensure for those individuals that will be permitted to perform septic system inspections under this legislation, however the Board will not be required to develop regulations specific to the inspections.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) currently regulates septic system design, installation, and operation. VDH anticipates that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact.

The bill continues the penalty of a Class 3 misdemeanor for performing septic system inspections without appropriate credentials.

Other: None.