Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB163 **Patron:** McDougle
Bill Title: Pesticide control; agencies or persons exempt or partially exempt.

Bill Summary: Provides that volunteers associated with state agencies, municipal corporations, or other governmental agencies shall be certified as commercial applicators or registered technicians for the use of pesticides, provided that such certification is valid only when applying or supervising application of pesticides used by such governmental agencies. The bill also exempts from applicator certification requirements any unpaid volunteer who uses any nonrestricted herbicide with the express authorization of a state agency for the sole purpose of controlling invasive plants or noxious weeds on properties owned by such state agency.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: This bill involves the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will not have a state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. VDACS does not anticipate any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Other: None.