

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1375

Patron: Clark

Bill Title: Pesticides; manufacture, distribution, use, or sale of paraquat prohibited.

Bill Summary: Prohibits any person from manufacturing, distributing, using, or selling any pesticide containing paraquat, defined in the bill, as an active ingredient. The bill allows the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to seize any such pesticide containing paraquat on complaint to the circuit court in the area where the pesticide is located.

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 any fiscal impact this bill may have on VDACS is absorbable within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This statement is preliminary. When conducting inspections of licensed pesticide businesses and certified applicators, VDACS is required by this bill to verify that pesticides containing paraquat have not been sold and are not available. This work is anticipated to be absorbable by the agency. In addition, VDACS is required by this bill to conduct investigations when receiving complaints regarding paraquat sales or use. The number of complaints that the agency will receive regarding paraquat use or sales is unknown. VDACS may require additional resources to implement these provisions, but the cost is unknown.

Other: None.