

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1154

Patron: Hodges

Bill Title: Certain boundary line adjustments; Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Bill Summary: Requires a locality to provide, by ordinance, that a boundary line adjustment that applies to lots that are in a Resource Protection Area and that are grandfathered under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act does not create a new lot of record. The bill requires such ordinance to include that such boundary line adjustment shall be considered as a lot that predates the Act. The bill clarifies that its provisions do not limit a locality's zoning authority. The bill also directs the State Water Control Board to amend its criteria under the Act to allow an owner of a lot in any locality that predates the Act to apply for a boundary line adjustment without creating a new lot of record.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and localities; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any costs DEQ may incur can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. It is anticipated that the Department of Environmental Quality can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Other: None.