

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB453S1

Patron: Stuart

Bill Title: Intentional discharge of untreated sewage onto land or into waters of the Commonwealth; penalty.

Bill Summary: Creates a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation for any person who intentionally discharges untreated sewage onto land or into waters of the Commonwealth.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Health (VDH); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any impact to VDH is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is revised to accurately present the fiscal impact of this bill, which no longer includes criminal penalties. It is assumed that minimal adherence to the provisions of this bill can be achieved within existing agency resources. The bill may result in additional state revenues from civil penalties of up to \$50,000 per occurrence which shall be credited to the Environmental Health and Education Fund. The magnitude of any such revenues is indeterminate, as it depends on the frequency of violations and enforcement actions.

Other: None.