

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB314

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Dissemination of consumer information about noxious weeds and invasive plants.

5. Summary:

This bill amends the Noxious Weeds Law (Va. Code § 3.2-800 et seq.) (Law) to direct the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop a model sign for retail establishments that sell plants that explains the benefits of native plants and the harm of noxious weeds and other invasive plants. The bill also directs the Commissioner to develop a model label that may be used for the wholesale and retail sale of plants that indicate the common and scientific name of the plant and whether the plant is native to the Commonwealth or invasive to eco-regions that include the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact this bill will have on the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) can be absorbed within existing resources as the bill requires the department to develop a model sign and model label but does not require the agency to produce or distribute signage to establishments.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.