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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0999      Introduced on January 25, 2024  
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**Subject:** NPDES Outlet Sign  
**Requestor:** Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Griffith  
**Impact Date:** February 12, 2024

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill requires a person who holds a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, which allows the discharge of effluent into state waters, to post a conspicuous and legible sign containing certain information about the permit, permittee, facility, and specification between “Treated Wastewater” or “Cooling Water,” as appropriate. Certain circumstances allow the permittee to apply to the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for a waiver instead of posting the sign. The bill also requires DHEC to notify all NPDES permit holders registered with the department of the new requirement no later November 29, 2024. There is no expenditure impact to DHEC because the department expects that it can manage the requirements of the bill with existing staff and resources.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

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**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

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