



House of Representatives

File No. 816

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6396
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 10, 2007

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS IN STATE BUILDINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) On or after October 1,
2 2007, no person shall use a cleaning product inside a building owned
3 by the state unless such cleaning product meets guidelines or
4 environmental standards set by a national or international
5 environmental certification program approved by the Department of
6 Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of
7 Environmental Protection. Such cleaning product shall, to the
8 maximum extent possible, minimize the potential harmful impact on
9 human health and the environment. For purposes of this section,
10 "cleaning product" does not include any disinfectant, disinfecting
11 cleaner, sanitizer or any other antimicrobial product regulated by the
12 federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USC 136 et seq.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill bans the use of cleaning products to clean state-owned buildings that do not meet certain environmental guidelines or standards beginning October 1, 2007.

Green cleaning products cost slightly more than non-green products, however, per Executive Order #14 the state is currently implementing the use of green cleaning products; therefore this bill has no fiscal impact.

House "A", which made changes to the cleaning product environmental standards, does not change the fiscal impact of the underlying bill.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6396 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS IN STATE AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill bans the use of cleaning products that do not meet certain guidelines or environmental standards to clean inside state-owned buildings beginning October 1, 2007. The guidelines or standards must be set by a national or international environmental certification program, which the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) must approve in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner. To be eligible for use, the cleaning products must minimize the potential harmful impact on human health and the environment to the maximum extent possible.

The bill specifies that for its purposes "cleaning product" does not include any disinfectant, disinfecting cleaner, sanitizer, or any other antimicrobial product regulated by federal law.

*House Amendment "A" eliminates requirements that cleaning products (1) be certified by Green Seal or an equivalent standard that DAS determines, (2) be nontoxic, and (3) conform with federal Environmental Protection Agency guidance. It adds the (1) antimicrobial exception and (2) requirement that DAS consult with the DEP commissioner in approving cleaning product guidelines or environmental standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/19/2007)