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HOUSE BILL 634: Stormwater/Built-Upon Area Clarification

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources	Date:	June 24, 2015
Introduced by:	Rep. Torbett	Prepared by:	Jeff Hudson
Analysis of:	PCS to Second Edition H634-CSSB-17 [v.2]		Committee Counsel

SUMMARY: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 634 (PCS) would provide that for purposes of implementing stormwater programs, "built-upon area" does not include (i) a surface of number 57 stone, as designated by the American Society for Testing and Materials, laid at least 4" thick over a geotextile fabric or (ii) a public trail.*

CURRENT LAW:

Under current law, for purposes of implementing stormwater programs, "built-upon area" means impervious surface and partially impervious surface to the extent that the partially impervious surface does not allow water to infiltrate through the surface and into the subsoil. "Built-upon area" does not include a slatted deck or the water area of a swimming pool.

BILL ANALYSIS:

The PCS for House Bill 634 would provide that for purposes of implementing stormwater programs, "built-upon area" does not include:

- A surface of number 57 stone, as designated by the American Society for Testing and Materials, laid at least 4" thick over a geotextile fabric.
- A trail that is part of the State Parks System; is designated by the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources as a component of the State trails system; is a State scenic trail, State recreation trail, or State connecting trail that serves as a park trail or designated trail; or any other trail that is open to the public.

The PCS for House Bill 634 would also direct the Environmental Management Commission to issue rules to implement this change no later than December 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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