

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB 2272

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Shuler, James M.

3. **Committee** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title** Health; Verbal Orders in Hospitals

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill addresses a regulatory requirement of VAC 5-410 of the *Virginia Administrative Code* (the regulations governing hospitals) that requires emergency telephone and other verbal orders to be authenticated within 24 hours of the time that they are given. This bill allows hospitals to develop their own protocols determining when verbal orders must be authenticated and by whom, if the ordering physician is not available to sign the orders.

6. **Fiscal impact estimates are tentative**

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	\$1,200	0	GF
2002-03			

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** The bill would require the promulgation of hospital regulations in FY 2002, involving public meetings, media advertisement and printing costs. The general fund expenditures associated with promulgation of the necessary regulation would be absorbed within the current general fund appropriation. It is not anticipated that this new requirement would significantly impact the cost of conducting on-site licensing inspections.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**
Virginia Department of Health

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** None

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