

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB2710

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

2. **Patron** Broman

3. **Committee** Labor and Commerce

4. **Title** Workers' compensation; attorney fees.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission from awarding attorney's fees to injured employees having successfully contested a workers' compensation claim out of any amounts that may be awarded to a health care provider. Currently, the Commission awards employees' attorneys a reasonable fee and other reasonable pro rata costs from the sum which benefits either a third party insurance carrier or a health care provider. These fees and costs are based upon the total amounts the employees' employers have been required to pay to the third party insurance carrier or health care provider for medical, surgical, and hospital services rendered to the injured employees.

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** This legislation would have no fiscal impact upon the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions, because it addresses the private sector sources from whom injured employees' attorney's fees may be awarded.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** This legislation would limit the types of private sector sources from whom the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission could award injured employees' attorney's fees. However, the bill does not affect that commission's workload. Further, the bill does not affect any other state agencies or the Commonwealth's political subdivisions.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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