

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB1095

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Mims

3. **Committee** Transportation

4. **Title** Motor vehicle dealers; damages caused by statutory violations.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Motor vehicle dealers; damages caused by statutory violations. Adds a new section that authorizes the Commissioner of DMV, in a hearing under Va. Code §46.2-1573, to order a party found to have committed a statutory violation to pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the complaining party.

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** This bill would be expected to have little or no impact upon the operations of DMV. DMV currently regulates and conducts hearings regarding certain issues or disputes between motor vehicle franchise dealers and manufacturers. Currently, DMV conducts approximately 10 hearings on these matters annually. The legislation could slightly increase the number of hearings conducted by DMV annually, if motor vehicle dealers became more inclined to pursue claims knowing that the Commissioner could order payment of attorney's fees and costs. DMV could absorb the number of hearings that might be expected to arise out of this legislation.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** DMV

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:**

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