

# Virginia Department of Health 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB154

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

**2. Patron** Van Yahres, M.

**3. Committee** Education and Health

**4. Title** Health; certain unused drugs provided to free clinics

**5. Summary/Purpose:** As amended, the bill modifies §54.1-3411.1 of the Code relating to certain unused drugs being provided to free clinics. It establishes criteria and prohibitions on returning, exchanging, or re-dispensing drugs. In addition, this legislation would prescribe procedures for which nursing homes provide to public health or community free clinics certain unused drugs that will not be used by the residents for whom the drugs were dispensed. In addition, it requires the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate emergency regulations to implement the provisions of this bill.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are minimal**

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Department of Health Professions estimates that it will cost the Board of Pharmacy approximately \$5,000 in the first year to promulgate the emergency regulations required by this legislation. These costs are associated with the rule-making process and include expenses for committee meetings, public hearings, and mailings.

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

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

**11. Other comments:** Public health and community free clinics serve low-income and uninsured populations and would receive the unused drugs or medications. HB30 includes continuing an annual appropriation through the Virginia Department of Health to the Virginia Primary Care Association (\$275,000 per year) and the Virginia Association of Free Clinics (\$1,084,000 per year) for the purchase of pharmaceuticals to help meet the needs of these populations.

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