

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB725

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. **Patron** Howell

3. **Committee** General Laws

4. **Title** Notice of intended regulatory action; public participation

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This bill would (a) clarify the steps a petitioner must take to perfect a petition for rulemaking, (b) clarify agency responsibilities including timeframes for response, (c) provide for publication in the Virginia Register of Regulations, and (d) provide for a 21-day public comment period on formal petitions for rulemaking.

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** This legislation was developed by the Virginia Administrative Law Advisory Committee and is based on an extensive survey of all petitions for rulemaking made in the Commonwealth over the past five years. The legislation provides more formal guidelines for the public and for agencies to follow in handling petitions for rulemaking, including publication in the Virginia Register and a brief public comment period. This legislation is not expected to significantly increase the number of petitions for rulemaking handled each year. In addition, there would be no additional fiscal cost associated with publication in the Register and the 30-day public comment period.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** None

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** None

11. **Other comments:** None

**Date:** 3/12/02

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cc: Secretary of Finance