

State Corporation Commission

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB612

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Trumbo

3. **Committee** Science and Technology

4. **Title** Unsolicited facsimile transmissions.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Unsolicited facsimile transmissions. Make the unsolicited transmission of advertising materials by facsimile a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act. The bill eliminates the requirement that the unsolicited facsimile be advertising goods or services for sale or lease. Enforcement provisions under the Consumer Protection Act (i) permit the Attorney General to issue civil investigative demands and assurances of voluntary compliance, (ii) create an individual action for damages, and (iii) permit aggrieved parties or the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief to prevent further violations.

6. **No Fiscal Impact on state agencies**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** None

8. **Fiscal implications:** None

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Corporation Commission

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

11. **Other comments:** The bill was amended to address the fact that the State Corporation Commission does not have the technical capability to disconnect numbers. This legislation will not apply to faxes originating from outside of Virginia.

Date: 02/14/02/K.Cummings

cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade