

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB1877

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Amundson

3. Committee Passed both Houses

4. Title Workers' compensation; infection disease presumption

5. Summary/Purpose: The Code of Virginia currently provides a presumption that if hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, tuberculosis, or HIV causes the death or total or partial disability of a firefighter, emergency medical technician, or law enforcement officer, and that person has documented an exposure to blood or body fluids, then those diseases shall be presumed to have been occupational diseases suffered in the line of government duty and eligible for workers' compensation benefits, unless overcome by a preponderance of evidence to the contrary. The enrolled legislation delays the application of this occupational disease presumption to firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement officers for a period of six months following those personnel's employer requested pre-employment physical examinations. However, the legislation does permit those personnel to invoke such presumptions during this six-month period if they can demonstrate a documented exposure to other people's blood or body fluids in that time.

6. Fiscal Impact: Minimal, see Item 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The state employee workers' compensation program administered by the Department of Human Resource Management indicates that this legislation should have little or no fiscal impact on the program. In addition, this legislation should not impact the operations of the Virginia Workers Compensation Commission.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Virginia Workers Compensation Commission and the state employee workers' compensation program administered by the Department of Human Resource Management.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration