

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2641

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

2. Patron Weatherholtz

3. Committee Passed both Houses

4. Title Avian influenza

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill authorizes the State Veterinarian to require that any chicken, turkey, waterfowl, gamebird, or other avian that is susceptible to avian influenza be tested for avian influenza before importation into Virginia from another state if (i) avian influenza has been found in that state, (ii) conditions in that state render the importation of any specific type of subject avian a menace to the health of any animal in the Commonwealth, or (iii) the protection of any animal in the Commonwealth from avian influenza so requires. This bill establishes a testing protocol for such birds, and provides several exemptions from testing requirements. This bill is identical to SB1249 that is also enrolled.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are: Final. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: There are no costs associated with the bill to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. However, violation of the provisions of this legislation is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Persons found guilty of such violations are subject to being sentenced to jail terms. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional prisoners in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor held in jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, such as correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board, the total state support for local jails averaged \$31.86 per inmate, per day in FY2001.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, judicial system.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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