

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB1141

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

**2. Patron**        McDonnell

**3. Committee**    Courts of Justice

**4. Title**            Fixed fee for misdemeanors, etc.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that court costs in criminal and traffic matters in district court are to be charged once for multiple charges arising from a single incident only when those related charges are disposed of at the same time. Otherwise, a charge can be assessed each time the matter comes before the court.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** According to the Supreme Court, the passage of this legislation means that, in some instances, two or more court costs will be assessed, where only one has previously been assessed. However, it is impossible to determine how often this will occur. Therefore while it is certain that additional general fund revenue will be generated, it is not possible to estimate the total amount.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Court System

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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