

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1202

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

2. Patron Cline

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Development of a single application form for pharmaceutical assistance programs and pharmaceutical discount purchasing cards

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill requires the Commissioners of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department for the Aging (Aging) to encourage pharmaceutical manufacturers to include application forms for discount purchasing card programs on their websites in downloadable format. The two agencies would also be responsible for providing direct links to the forms on their respective websites. By October 30, 2004, the Commissioners must report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the feasibility of developing a single application form to be used by Virginians for pharmaceutical assistance programs and discount purchasing cards.

The Commissioners are also responsible for developing a strategy in concert with the Virginia Area Agencies on Aging and other private and nonprofit organizations, for training senior citizen volunteers to assist in completing applications. They may appoint an advisory task force of stakeholders to assist them in completing the requirements of this bill.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill as it is currently written does not have a fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Aging and VDH

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources