

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 1202

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

**2. Patron** Cline

**3. Committee** Education and Health

**4. Title** Promotion of pharmaceutical assistance programs and pharmaceutical discount purchasing cards

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This amendment in the nature of a substitute incorporates the provisions of SB 158. This bill requires the Commissioners of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department for the Aging (Aging) to do the following in regard to promoting pharmaceutical assistance programs and discount purchasing cards:

- Disseminate information to the public concerning recent congressional actions relating to pharmaceutical benefits to be provided under the Medicare program and how they may help senior citizens with the costs of such benefits;
- Develop a strategy, in coordination with the Virginia Area Agencies on Aging and other related organizations, for disseminating information concerning the availability of pharmaceutical assistance programs and for training senior citizen volunteers to assist in completing applications for both the programs and pharmaceutical discount purchasing cards;
- Encourage pharmaceutical manufacturers to include application forms for discount purchasing card programs on their websites in downloadable format;
- Provide a direct link to the forms on Aging's website when practicable;
- Report to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 30, 2004, on the feasibility of developing a single application form to be used by Virginians for nearly 50 pharmaceutical assistance programs and discount purchasing cards; and
- Appoint, if necessary, 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:** Prior to this amendment in the nature of a substitute, both earlier amended versions of HB 1202 and SB 158 had been determined to have no fiscal impact on either Aging or VDH. The incorporation of these two bills' provisions still results in no 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