

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

**1. Bill Number** House Bill 159

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron**            John S. Reid

**3. Committee**        Passed Both Houses

**4. Title**              Vital records; filing of death certificates

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that only a licensed funeral director, funeral services licensee, office of the state anatomical program, or the next of kin can file the death certificate with the registrar of vital records. The bill addresses the problem encountered by the registrar when transportation companies or persons not licensed by the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers fail to file the death certificate with the registrar.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** None

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

Virginia Department of Health  
Department of Health Professions

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources