

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

**1. Bill Number** HB 250

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

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

**2. Patron** McQuigg

**3. Committee** Passed both houses

**4. Title** Reckless driving

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Under current law, reckless driving is a Class 1 misdemeanor. The proposed legislation would make the offense a Class 6 felony if:

- i. the offender were driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, and
- ii. the offender's reckless driving were the sole and proximate cause of the death of another.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final. See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal implications:**

The proposed legislation could result in additional offenders committed to local jails and the state's correctional facilities, as well as additional juveniles committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice. However, because available databases do not provide information on the number of deaths resulting from reckless driving offenses committed while the offender's license has been suspended, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has concluded that the impact of the legislation cannot be determined.

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

Department of Corrections  
Department of Juvenile Justice  
Local and regional jails

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Finance