

Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB408

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Welch

3. Committee House Transportation

4. Title Use of steel plates in connection with highway repairs.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Requires that anyone using steel plates in connection with a temporary or permanent repair to the roadway of any highway shall apply a traction-improving substance to the plate and mark the plate so as to be clearly visible to oncoming traffic. If this cannot be done, the location shall be conspicuously posted in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and any applicable supplements thereto.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary, see item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

According to the Department of Transportation, the fiscal impact, if any, from this bill, may be minimal. The department does not normally use steel plates in construction or maintenance. However, in emergencies, the department may allow a contractor to use steel plates. Given this, the potential cost to VDOT would be negligible.

However, HB 408 could have a more significant financial impact to cities and towns who maintain their own roadways since they often use steel plates on roadways as a regular course of business in their utility construction and maintenance.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Department of Transportation, and cities and town who maintain their own roads.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation