

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

1. Bill Number HB658

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Bell

3. Committee House Transportation

4. Title Damaging signs.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor (jail for up to 12 months and/or a fine up to \$2,500) to deface, damage, knock down, or remove any reflectorized street address sign posted to assist in address identification in connection with enhanced 9-1-1 service.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and/or a maximum fine of \$2,500. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal.

Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail.

It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board, the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$29.80 per inmate, per day in FY 2002.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local and regional jails and Compensation Board

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration