

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

**1. Bill Number** HB659

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Bell

**3. Committee**    House Courts of Justice

**4. Title**            Impersonating public service company personnel.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Provides that any person who willfully impersonates, with the intent to make another believe he is, a public service company employee and who falsely assumes or exercises the functions, powers, duties or privileges incident to the position or enters upon the property of another while impersonating a public service employee is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor (jail up to 12 months and/or a maximum fine of \$2,500).

**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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