

Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB812

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

2. Patron Eisenberg

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title Memorials for war veterans; unlawful sale prohibited; penalty.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that if any person unlawfully destroys, defaces, damages or removes with the intent to sell any monument or memorial for war veterans described in § 15.2-1812, or any monument erected for the purpose of marking the site of any engagement fought during the War between the States, he shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: (preliminary) See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

Anyone convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Therefore, this proposal could result in an increase in the number of persons sentenced to jail.

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 misdemeanant 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: Compensation Board, local jails

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration