

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB918

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Phillips

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Exclude convenience stores and certain gas stations from restaurant regulation

5. Summary/Purpose: HB 918 would exclude from the definition of restaurant, and thereby from regulation as a restaurant, convenience stores, or gas stations having 15 or fewer seats at which food is served to the public on the premises.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

Under HB 918, VDH would no longer have to inspect and permit the food service portion of approximately 600 currently permitted restaurants located in convenience stores or gas stations. (The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services already is responsible for inspecting the retail portion of convenience stores.)

The current VDH effort of inspecting these 600 operations translates into three environmental health FTEs. However, because these establishments are spread all across the Commonwealth, the three FTEs are not discrete positions but rather comprise a miniscule portion of each local health department's environmental health operation. Since no discrete staff impacts can be identified and other workloads for environmental specialists tend to rise as population rises, no staffing reductions would be appropriate.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Virginia Department of Health (VDH), including all local health departments; independent local health departments in Fairfax County, Richmond, and elsewhere

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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c: Secretary of Health and Human Resources