

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB136

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lambert

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Department of Labor and Industry; information to be provided the Commissioner

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill directs licensed emergency medical services agencies to release to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, or his designee, the prehospital patient care report required by § 32.1-116 when such records are requested for a patient who has suffered an injury, disability, or death resulting from an accident or illness while engaged in his employment. Further, the bill states that the Commissioner shall only disclose such information in compliance with federal regulations and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended.

6. Fiscal impact: The bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Labor and Industry or the Department of Health.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Labor and Industry anticipates no additional costs associated with maintaining the confidentiality protections applicable to the information. The Department already maintains these standards for investigation records.

The bill should not impose additional costs on local emergency medical services agencies because it simply clarifies the information that they are permitted to convey to the Department of Labor and Industry.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Labor and Industry, Department of Health, local emergency medical services agencies.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: The Senate substitute amends §§ 32.1-127.1:03 in addition to § 40.1-8 and includes compliance with federal regulations and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Secretary of Health and Human Services