

**Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1992

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Griffith

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Fair Housing Law; evidence of unlawful discriminatory practices

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill provides that the use of words or symbols associated with a particular religion, national origin, sex, or race may be evidence of an illegal preference under the Virginia Fair Housing Law. Current law mandates that the use of such words or symbols is prima facie evidence of an illegal preference. The bill also eliminates the prohibition against use of a general disclaimer to overcome the prima facie evidence.

6. Fiscal impact: The bill does not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Fair Housing Board.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: None.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Fair Housing Board.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade