

Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2123

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

2. Patron: Eisenberg

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Consumer Protection Act; home repair transactions

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill expands the scope of consumer transactions that are subject to the Consumer Protection Act to include home repair transactions, which are transactions in which a person falsely represents that he is a licensed architect, professional engineer, or contractor and undertakes to construct, remove, repair, or improve an owner-occupied dwelling. The measure also makes it a violation of the Act if a person fails to complete the work under a home repair transaction within the time period provided in the agreement with the dwelling's owner or fails to complete the work in a manner that complies with either the Uniform Statewide Building Code or with the terms of the agreement.

6. Fiscal impact: The bill does not have a fiscal impact for either the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services administers the Consumer Protection Act and the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation governs licensing of architects, professional engineers, and contractors. Any workload increase as a result of the bill may be handled within the departments' existing programs and resources.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Secretary of Commerce and Trade