

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 2700

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

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; enhanced coverage for first responders during states of emergency.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill adds a section to Title 65.2 of the Code of Virginia that provides for workers' compensation coverage to first responders in off-duty capacities during states of emergency. This includes allowing compensation for an injury incurred while traveling from home or another location outside a work location to that work location is deemed to be within the scope of employment. This bill also provides a definition of first responders.

6. Fiscal Impact: Indeterminate.

See Item Eight

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: The additions to the Code proposed by this bill could have a significant fiscal impact. It is not possible to determine the amount of claims that could be made by first responders during a state of emergency. It would depend, in part, on the severity and extent of the emergency as well as the number of first responders making a claim. Additionally, the cost of insurance premiums to cover off-duty first responders in states of emergency is not available

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: All local governments and state agencies with first responders

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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