

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 1035

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

2. Patron: Passed both houses

3. Committee: Engrossed

4. Title: Workers' compensation; extended coverage for members of the Virginia National Guard, Virginia State Defense Force, and naval militia.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill provides that a claim for workers' compensation shall be deemed to be in the course of employment of any member of the Virginia National Guard, Virginia State Defense Force, or naval militia, who in reacting to an order to report while he is outside an assigned shift or work location, undertakes in direct obedience to a lawful military order travel to his designated place of state active duty.

6. Fiscal Impact: Indeterminate.

See Item 8

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation will expand benefits to Virginia National Guard, Virginia State Defense Force, or naval militia while traveling to the designated place of state active duty. The Department of Military Affairs has confirmed with the Department of Human Resource Management, Office of Workers' Compensation (DHRM/OWC) that this legislation is needed to conform state benefits to match those provided under federal duty situations. In addition, DHRM/OWC reports that the Department of Military Affairs understands that the cost of this increase in coverage is unknown and they are willing to accept any additional premium increases that will result from an increase in claims experienced.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Military Affairs;
Department of Human Resource Management

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to HB2700 that extends off-duty workers' compensation benefits to first responders during states of emergency.

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