

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB625

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 O'Bannon

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Determination of hazardous human remains.

5. Summary/Purpose: Determination of hazardous human remains. Allows the Commissioner of the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Governor, to determine if human remains are hazardous to the public health. If remains are determined to be hazardous, the Commonwealth is charged with handling and disposition of the remains and shall erect a memorial at the disposition site.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The cost involved with implementing this bill would be unique to each situation involving hazardous human remains. It is expected that the majority of the cost would be one time in an amount equal to the scale and scope of such an event. Factors influencing the expense would be the nature of disaster, type of contamination, the number of hazardous human remains, and the kind of memorial erected to commemorate the deceased. Large scale events would likely qualify for federal disaster relief funds and a memorial could potentially be funded through private donations.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department of Health (Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Environmental Health Hazards and Control, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control), Emergency Preparedness, Law Enforcement, Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources