

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB637

House of Origin: ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House: ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Clarence E. Phillips

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Health records; destruction.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Requires facilities holding health records to notify individuals and allow them to obtain their records before such records are destroyed. This bill also makes technical corrections to outdated references in the Code.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06	\$0	0	N/A
2006-07	\$168,750	0	0100
	\$112,500		0204
2007-08	\$168,750	0	0100
	\$112,500		0204
2008-09	\$168,750	0	0100
	\$112,500		0204
2009-10	\$168,750	0	0100
	\$112,500		0204
2010-11	\$168,750	0	0100
	\$112,500		0204
2011-12	\$168,750	0	0100
	\$112,750		0204

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, 292 – Community Health Services (44000).

8. **Fiscal implications:** The number of records eligible for destruction in Virginia's local health departments annually is unknown. Before records are destroyed, they are boxed and the date span on the box is advertised for patients to pickup. The boxes are not routinely opened before destruction. Based on the current patient load, number of new patients, and the 10 year retention period, the number of records to be destroyed is estimated to be 10% of the current volume or 375,000 records. VDH currently complies with the publishing requirements identified in this bill and does not anticipate added advertising expense. The cost involved with implementing this initiative would include postage and mailing supplies to individually notify each of these patients. The estimated cost per notification would be 75 cents making the total fiscal impact \$281,250.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department of Health (VDH),
Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources