

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** SB349-ER

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

**2. Patron** Howell

**3. Committee** Passed both Houses

**4. Title** Regulation of the sale of halal food; penalty.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that the labeling of any food or food product or the display of any unwrapped food or food product as kosher or halal without indicating the authority for such designation shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. The second enactment clause repeals § 18.2-236 of the Code of Virginia.

**6. No Fiscal Impact.**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** By repealing § 18.2-236, which eliminated potential Class 1 misdemeanor offenses related to labeling of food, and establishing a violation of improper labeling of kosher or halal foods as a Class 3 misdemeanor, violators will no longer potentially be sent to jail. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** None.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** Similar to HB153-ER.

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Secretary of Administration