

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB519ER

<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** Puckett

**3. Committee** Passed both houses.

**4. Title** Designation as rural hospital.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Designation as rural hospital. Establishes in state law that any hospital that was designated a Medicare-dependent small rural hospital, as defined in 42 U.S.C. §1395ww(d)(5)(G)(iv) prior to October 1, 2004, shall be designated a rural hospital pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1395ww(d)(8)(E)(ii)(II) on and after September 30, 2004. For purposes of Medicare, reimbursement for hospitals designated as Medicare-dependent small rural hospitals is calculated through a different mechanism than for other hospitals.

**6. No Fiscal Impact.**

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** None.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Department of Health.

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

**11. Other comments:** This provision already exists in budget language, Chapter 951 (2005 Acts of Assembly).

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources