

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1783

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Cosgrove

3. Committee House Transportation

4. Title Traffic warning systems; VDOT to implement.

5. Summary/Purpose: The proposed legislation would require the Virginia Department of Transportation to implement traffic warning systems, operated by private sector businesses, that will provide subscribers, via personal digital assistant devices and other wireless telecommunications technologies, with real-time information concerning traffic congestion, incidents, and other information necessary or convenient to users of the highways of the Commonwealth.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Unavailable.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 444.

8. Fiscal implications: Currently, the Virginia Department of Transportation expends two million dollars to provide services similar to those in the proposed legislation. VDOT offers the 511 phone service to travelers for a wide range of information on travel needs. The 511 system offers information on weather conditions, road construction and traffic incidents as well as lodging, food and gas. The system is also available on the Internet. Virginia's 511 system provides travel information for a total of 98 roads, including all interstates and major primary routes.

The implementation of a separate traffic warning system, operated by the private sector, would require additional funding in the form of contract administration and management, infrastructure development and potential customer and user service provision. These costs cannot be estimated as they will be dependent on the system implemented and the vendor chosen.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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