

**Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Bill Number:** HB 1965H1
House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled
2. **Patron:** John M. O'Bannon III
3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions
4. **Title:** Assisted living facilities; certain hospices
5. **Summary/Purpose:** Defines "hospice facility." Legislation exempts hospice facilities with 16 or fewer beds from Certificate of Public Need laws and regulations. The bill provides that hospice facilities shall be licensed by the Department of Health and that regulations promulgated by the Board shall include standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare and comfort of patients and their families served by the program. Eliminates existing provisions authorizing an entity licensed as a hospice to concurrently hold a license to operate as an assisted living facility and authorizing an entity licensed as an assisted living facility to concurrently hold a license as a hospice.
6. **Fiscal Impact Minimal:** See item #8.
7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.
8. **Fiscal implications:** According to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), there are only three licensed hospice facilities in the Commonwealth that meet the definition outlined in the legislation and would require licensure by the Department based on the Certificate of Public Need laws and regulations. The cost for inspecting and issuing licenses for these three facilities would have such a minimal fiscal impact that VDH could absorb the cost.
9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Department of Health
10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.
11. **Other comments:** No.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources