State Corporation Commission
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB2522

   House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

   Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Iaquinto

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Board of Branch Pilots; limited branch pilot license.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Board of Branch Pilots; limited branch pilot license. Removes the reference to draft or ship unit measurements as the basis for determining the vessels that individuals holding a limited branch pilot license may pilot. Effective October 1, 2006, the State Corporation Commission, which regulates fees of the licensed branch pilots, discontinued its usage of a formula that used unit terminology and instituted a formula based on gross tonnage. The change will allow the Board to use the gross tonnage terminology as the basis for determining the vessels that such individuals may pilot.

6. No Fiscal Impact on state agencies

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** None.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Board of Branch Pilots within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the State Corporation Commission

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

11. **Other comments:** The Virginia Pilot Association may also have additional comments and background on this bill. There was a case before the State Corporation Commission during 2006. The final order for Case No. PUE-2006-00046 is dated September 11, 2006. (Application of J. William Cofer on behalf of himself and all other licensed branch pilots in the Commonwealth of Virginia who are members of the Virginia Pilot Association for approval of a change in the basis for determining pilotage charges and a revision of rates and charges for pilotage.) The Board of Branch Pilots and the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation may have additional comments on this bill.

   Senate Bill 992 is a duplicate bill.

Date: 02/15/07/sdl
cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade