

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

1. Bill Number HB 805

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Delegate Fralin

3. Committee Transportation

4. Title Littering from a motor vehicle; penalty.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill adds cigarette butts to the list of litter and increases the Class 1 misdemeanor minimum penalty from \$250 to \$750 for littering from a motor vehicle.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Indeterminate

7. Budget amendment necessary: N/A

8. Fiscal implications: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2004), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$26.03 per inmate, per day in FY 2004.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: N/A

10. Technical amendment necessary: N/A

11. Other comments: None.

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