

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB954

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Qualye

3. Committee Finance

4. Title Income tax check-off for Virginia Department for the Aging

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill allows the Virginia Department for the Aging (VDA) to use income tax refund contributions for Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage) counseling services. When taxpayers submit their income tax returns they may designate a part of their refund to various programs. Currently, the contribution to VDA may only be used to provide transportation services for the elderly and disabled.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Not Available. (SEE ITEM 8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill has minimal fiscal impact. If VDA decides to use a portion of the income tax refund contributions for Medicare Part D counseling, then they would have to contract for those services, which would impose a minimal administrative cost to the agency. However, no budget amendment is required as the agency can handle the additional cost within its current resources.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department for the Aging.

10. Technical amendment necessary: Yes, the name of the fund as specified on lines 76 and 77 should be changed to reflect the additional purpose of the fund. One suggestion is "Counseling and Transportation Services for the Elderly and Disabled Fund."

11. Other comments: None.

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