

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1551

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Bowling

3. Committee: Senate Transportation

4. Title: **Vehicle overweight and overload permits.**

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would direct the Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to work with representatives of industries that operate overload and overweight vehicles to review the current overweight vehicle fee schedule. The review is to determine any additional fees that should be charged to such vehicles, and determine a collection mechanism for the fees. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner is to recommend legislation to enact such fees determined by the review no later than December 1, 2008.

Chapter 738 of the 2007 Acts of Assembly established permit fees for tank wagon vehicles and set the rate at \$800 per vehicle. It also directed the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to establish a fee structure to be effective July 1, 2008. The Virginia Transportation Research Council conducted a study and determined a fee of \$265 per vehicle.

The legislation would reduce the annual overweight permit fee for tank wagon vehicles from \$800 to \$265 per vehicle from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. The Commonwealth Transportation Board and the commissioner of DMV are to establish a fee structure that shall become effective July 1, 2009, based on the results of the review.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would reduce the annual overweight permit fee for tank wagon vehicles from \$800 per vehicle to \$265 per vehicle for fiscal year 2009. DMV issued 51 overweight permits for tank wagon vehicles to date in FY 2008. The fee reduction, based on the 51 permits issued to date, would reduce revenue collected by \$27,285.

The proposed legislation also directs the commissioners of the Department of Transportation and DMV to recommend legislation regarding a revised fee structure for all overweight and overload vehicles. Any adjustment in such fees would impact the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Transportation,
Department of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth Transportation Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation