

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 323

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

2. Patron C. Saxman

3. Committee House Courts of Justice

4. Title Elimination of Costs for Prepayable Traffic Infractions

5. Summary/Purpose: Eliminates the payment of costs where the fine for a minor criminal offense or a traffic infraction is prepaid.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

Revenue Impact: See Item 8

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008-09	-\$39,200,000	N/A	See item 8
2009-10	-\$39,200,000	N/A	See item 8
2010-11	-\$39,200,000	N/A	See item 8
2011-12	-\$39,200,000	N/A	See item 8
2012-13	-\$39,200,000	N/A	See item 8
2013-14	-\$39,200,000	N/A	See item 8

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Supreme Court, the elimination of the collection of court costs for prepaid traffic infractions (§16.1-69.40:1) and prepaid Class 3 and Class 4 misdemeanors (§16.1-69.40:2) would have an estimated impact of \$39.2 million per year on various Commonwealth revenues as follows:

Traffic Infractions:

Processing fee (general fund) -	\$28,204,486
Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fee	\$ 3,796,759
Victim Witness Fee	\$ 1,265,586
Local Training Academy	\$ 72,317
Domestic Violence Fund	\$ 1,446,395
Courthouse Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,446,395

Misdemeanors:

Processing fee (general fund) -	\$ 1,968,187
Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fee	\$ 295,228
Victim Witness Fee	\$ 98,409

Local Training Academy	\$ 56,232
Domestic Violence Fund	\$ 112,468
Courthouse Maintenance Fund	\$ 112,468
Criminal Injury Compensation Fund	\$ 337,404

TOTAL Traffic Infractions and Misdemeanors:

Processing fee (general fund) -	\$30,172,673
Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction Fee	\$ 4,091,988
Victim Witness Fee	\$ 1,363,996
Local Training Academy	\$ 128,550
Domestic Violence Fund	\$ 1,558,864
Courthouse Maint Fund	\$ 1,558,864
Criminal Injury Compensation Fund	\$ 337,405

TOTAL: \$39,212,340 (ANNUAL)

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Courts, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Workers Compensation Commission

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None.

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