

## State Corporation Commission 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB728

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Scott, E.T.

**3. Committee:** House Floor

**4. Title:** Uniform group health insurance application form.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires the State Corporation Commission, through the Bureau of Insurance, to develop a uniform group health insurance application form by July 1, 2009. The Bureau of Insurance will convene a work group with representatives of group health insurers, employer organizations, and the Virginia Associations of Health Plans to assist. The Bureau of Insurance, with the assistance of the work group, shall determine (i) the preprinted information, including the title, heading, backing, or other indication of contents, to be stated on the form and (ii) appropriate limitations on the use of the form, including, but not limited to, its use in obtaining rate or premium quotes, whether its use should be limited to online applications, and whether insurers that agree to use the application form be identified on the form. Upon completion of its development of the uniform group health insurance application form, the Bureau of Insurance shall provide a copy to all insurers, along with instructions for its use. The Bureau of Insurance shall revise, as appropriate, the uniform group health insurance application form to ensure its ongoing compliance with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and shall communicate to insurers any necessary changes to the uniform group health insurance application form.

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

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The development of the uniform group health insurance application can be completed by the Bureau of Insurance with existing staff and resources.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** The Bureau of Insurance worked with the patron of House Bill 728 to develop language to clarify the procedures by which this form will be developed. Insurers will include all companies licensed in Virginia to write accident and sickness insurance, all health maintenance organizations licensed in Virginia, and all health services plans licensed in Virginia issuing policies or contracts of accident and sickness insurance on a group basis. A uniform application as contemplated in House Bill 728 will provide an alternative for employers from the

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burden of preparing separate forms to obtain insurance or information on rates, coverage, and availability. The use of the form will be voluntary for insurers and employers.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
Secretary of Health and Human Resources