

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB500

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Northam

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:**        **Infectious disease presumption; emergency declaration by Governor.**

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the Governor to declare that a communicable, contagious or infectious disease, or any condition that leads to the disease, is a disease or condition that is covered by the existing infectious disease presumption for firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and certain law-enforcement officers under the Virginia Workers Compensation Act. The presumption currently exists for hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, tuberculosis, and HIV. Such a declaration may be made after the Board of Health has issued an order for the purpose of suppressing the outbreak of the disease and the Governor has declared a state of emergency due to an outbreak of the disease that poses a danger to the life and health of the public.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Fiscal impact, if any, is indeterminate. This does increase covered conditions and thus could increase premiums for state and local governments.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** No

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