

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2008 Special Session II Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB6031

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

**2. Patron:**        Marshall, R.G.

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:**        **Vehicle overweight and over load fees.**

**5. Summary:** This bill provides for the establishment by the Commonwealth Transportation Board of a new schedule of vehicle overweight and overload fees.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item #8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill would base the fees for overload permits and other permits on the overweight miles traveled, the additional highway maintenance costs associated with such overloaded vehicles, and the cost to administer the program.

By July 1, 2009, the fees will be based on a structure established by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in consultation with the Commissioners of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Department of Transportation (VDOT). The new overload permit fees will first address DMV's cost of issuance and collection, with the remainder dedicated to the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund (HMOF). The cost of issuance and collection is currently approximately \$2.6 million annually for the entire overload/overweight permit process. DMV will encounter one-time programming costs to implement a new fee structure based on mileage, as well as modifying the hauling permit system.

The amount of revenue that would be transferred to the HMOF is unknown at this time, since the fee structure has yet to be determined.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia Department of Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Board.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** Consideration may be given to eliminating either "Beginning July 1, 2009," on line 690 or "that shall become effective on July 1, 2009" on line 692-693, since there appears to be redundancy.

**11. Other comments:** In years past, the Department of Motor Vehicles had based its fee structure on miles, but the agency relinquished the practice after determining that customers were not reporting reasonable miles. Since the agency is unable to question or verify the miles that customers report, such a fee structure resulted in inaccurate reports and fees.

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