

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1850-E

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Medical examiner reports; admissibility of contents**

5. Summary: Provides that any statement of fact or opinion in a medical examiner's report concerning the physical or medical cause of death is admissible as evidence of the cause of death as long as it does not allege any conduct by the accused.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The legislation does not have a fiscal impact for the Virginia Department of Health's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The legislation authorizes any statement (either fact or opinion) provided by the medical examiner concerning the physical or medical cause of death and not alleging any conduct by the accused to be admitted as evidence in any preliminary hearing. This fiscal impact statement does not differ from the previous fiscal impact statement issued for the introduced legislation.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources