

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 897

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Comstock

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: **Lyme disease; reporting and treatment**

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Health to include Lyme disease on the list of diseases required to be reported, and allows a licensed physician to prescribe, administer or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy to a patient diagnosed with Lyme disease. Also specifies that the Board of Medicine shall not initiate a disciplinary action against a licensed physician solely for prescribing, administering, or dispensing long-term antibiotic therapy to a patient clinically diagnosed with Lyme disease, provided such clinical diagnosis and treatment has been documented in the patient's medical record by such licensed physician.

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 and
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Legislation is identical to HB 1017.

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