

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1758

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Wilt

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Local roads; notice.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would amend several provisions relating to the administration of local roads. The bill would amend the date by which cities and towns must notify the Commonwealth Transportation Board if they decide to take over responsibility for the highway construction program within the jurisdiction. The bill would change the date to December 31 from July 1 for implementation the following fiscal year. The bill exempts Rural Rustic Roads from regulations requiring additional engineering or improvements beyond those required to provide an adequate hard surface.

The proposed bill would also amend the provisions relating to the emergency paving of unpaved secondary roads. Currently, when VDOT provides notice of an emergency paving of an unpaved secondary road, the local governing body must hold a public hearing prior to any paving work. The bill would amend the Code to require that the local governing body provide concurrence or other recommendation to the Commissioner within 72 hours of VDOT providing such notice.

The bill also clarifies that paving an existing road and reestablishing ditches and shoulders is considered routine maintenance and a permit is not required from the permit issuing authority.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed amendments would streamline some processes which may result in cost savings. Any savings would remain in the Transportation Trust Fund and be put to other priorities.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Transportation, local governments

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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