

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1834

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Scott, E.T.

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Statewide Fire Prevention Code; permissible fireworks.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation amends the Code of Virginia related to permissible fireworks and the regulation of such fireworks.

The bill redefines what constitutes permissible fireworks in Virginia. The bill also prevents localities from prohibiting the use, design, possession, ignition, display, storage, sale, or transportation of permissible fireworks, or the setup or supervision thereof.

Further, the bill provides that the storage and sale of permissible fireworks shall be governed solely by the Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sale of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles adopted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1124, 2006 Edition).

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 395.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011			
2012	\$53,000	0	General Fund
2013	\$53,000	0	General Fund
2014	\$53,000	0	General Fund
2015	\$53,000	0	General Fund
2016	\$53,000	0	General Fund
2017	\$53,000	0	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill redefines the types of fireworks which are permissible in Virginia. It is anticipated that the changes will increase the number of complaints and consultative calls that the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) must respond to. Given recent budget reductions in the Department of Fire Programs, the SFMO does not currently possess sufficient staff to respond to the increase in calls. The expenditure impact of \$53,000 per year equates to increasing an existing wage employee's hours to 1300 per year and hiring and

additional wage employee, plus additional fuel costs for existing staff to respond to the complaints. The Department of Fire Programs does not have sufficient appropriation to cover these additional costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Fire Programs

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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