

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2178

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

2. Patron: Phillips

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Smoking in emergency response vehicles prohibited

5. Summary: The bill prohibits smoking in emergency medical services vehicles and other emergency response vehicles. Any person who refuses to refrain from smoking in these vehicles will be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$25.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Not Available. SEE ITEM 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is unknown as to the number of people who would violate the smoking prohibition in this bill and thus be subject to a civil penalty. Any civil penalties that are collected will be deposited to the Virginia Health Care Fund pursuant to current law. This fund is used to support the Medicaid program, so any additional revenue would offset general fund support for the program. Based on past civil penalty collections for violating smoking prohibitions, any fiscal impact is expected to be negligible. In fiscal year 2010, the total civil penalties collected for the Health Care Fund was \$48.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Medical Assistance Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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