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**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1169

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: Habeeb

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission shall retain jurisdiction over disputes regarding medical fees.

5. Summary: Provides that the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) shall retain jurisdiction over disputes regarding, and claimants shall have standing to pursue payment of, charges for medical services regardless of whether bills for health care services have been paid by a source other than an employer, workers' compensation carrier, guaranty fund, or uninsured employer's fund.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

8. Fiscal Implications: The WCC reports that this legislation could have a significant impact with an increase in the number of claims filed with the commission and the number of hearings held. The cost of this increase is unknown, as it depends on the workload increase.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Workers' Compensation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: no

11. Other Comments: n/a

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