

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB34

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

**2. Patron:** Albo

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Advertising within highway limits; agreements with local governments

**5. Summary:** The Code of Virginia prohibits the placement of advertisement within highway limits and authorizes the Commissioner of VDOT to remove the advertisements and collect the cost of such removal. The proposed legislation would allow the Commissioner of VDOT to enter into agreements with local governments to allow the localities to enforce provisions prohibiting advertising within the highway right of way and to collect associated penalties and costs. Unlawfully placed advertisements are to be assessed a civil penalty of \$100 which is to be deposited into the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund.

The bill also amends a section of the Code which allowed Fairfax County to enforce the provisions and retain any penalties and costs. The amendment allows advertisements promoting or giving directions to a special event to be erected from Saturday through the following Monday.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Any fiscal impact from the proposed legislation cannot be determined at this time. The bill may increase the assessment and collection of civil penalties, which would increase the amount deposited into the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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