Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB62		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- 2. Patron: Cole
- 3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions
- 4. Title: Abortion funding; repealed
- **5. Summary:** Repeals the section authorizing the Board of Health to fund abortions for women who meet the financial eligibility criteria of the State Plan for Medical Assistance in cases in which a physician certifies that he believes that the fetus would be born with a gross and totally incapacitating physical deformity or mental deficiency.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal savings. See item #8.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: A minimal number of abortions are funded by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) each year. Twenty-three abortions were approved for a total cost of \$14,681 in FY 2010 and in FY 2011, 10 abortions were approved for a total cost of \$2,784. The average cost per abortion is \$529.

VDH pays for abortions with available cash balances from special funds in the Office of Family Health Services.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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