

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2012-ER

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Cline

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:**    Drones; moratorium.

**5. Summary:** Places a moratorium on the use of unmanned aircraft systems by state and local law enforcement and regulatory entities until July 1, 2015, except in emergency situations. The use of unmanned aircraft systems may be used in an emergency, major disaster, Amber Alert, Senior Alert, Blue Alert, or during a search and rescue operation if its deployment is necessary to protect life, health, or property. The provisions of the legislation shall not apply to the National Guard of Virginia while utilizing such systems during training to maintain readiness for its federal mission, when facilitating training for other United States Department of Defense units, or when such systems are utilized to support the Commonwealth for purposes other than law enforcement.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final; See Item 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** No fiscal impact. The legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on state or local law enforcement agencies since the legislation delays utilization of an unmanned aircraft system until July 1, 2015.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State and local law enforcement agencies.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** Identical to SB 1331-ER.

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