

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2160

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: Kilgore

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; medical benefits

5. Summary: Establishes a one-year period of limitations on actions by a health care provider for payment of charges for services rendered under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. The period starts to run on the later of the date the services were provided or the date a medical award covering such services becomes final. The measure also provides that the prohibition on balance billing by health care providers applies both during the pendency of a claim for benefits and after an award of compensation is made. The balance billing prohibition will apply to an injury for which compensation is sought under a claim or that is covered by an award when any portion of the bill at issue, for the date of service at issue, has been paid by the employer, carrier, or third-party administrator.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Human Resource Management indicates that the provisions of this bill could possibly result in reduced litigation costs and reduced staff time to the State Employee Workers Compensation program. The magnitude of any such reduction is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Employee Workers Compensation program.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: N/A

Date: 1/14/12