

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 811

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Garrett

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Filing of false liens or encumbrances

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would create a new Class 5 felony for anyone to maliciously file a false lien or encumbrance in a public record against the real or personal property of another person knowing that such lien or encumbrance is false.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. The General Assembly included funding for the fiscal impact of this legislation in the budget bill it passed.

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013		
2014	\$50,000	General
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

8. Fiscal Implications:

For someone convicted of a Class 5 felony, a judge has the option of sentencing him to up to one year in jail, or 1 to 10 years in prison. Therefore, this proposal could result in an increase in the number of persons sentenced to jail or prison.

There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each

misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail and \$12.00 a day for each state responsible inmate. It also funds a considerable portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2012), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$26.54 per inmate, per day in FY 2011.

Due to the lack of data, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has concluded, pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, that the impact of the proposed legislation on state-responsible (prison) bed space cannot be determined. In such cases, Chapter 3 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, requires that a minimum impact of \$50,000 be assigned to the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Compensation Board
Local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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