

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB871

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

2. Patron: Ebbin, A.P.

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; examination; initial asbestos worker license applicants.

5. Summary: As substituted, this bill requires employers to provide each licensed asbestos worker with a written notice containing the following information: (i) a statement that the worker has the right to work in a safe environment, (ii) a summary of basic safety rules for handling asbestos, and (iii) information on how to file a complaint with the Board.

In addition, the bill empowers the Board to summarily suspend the license of an asbestos contractor if the Board finds that the asbestos contractor's conduct poses a substantial danger to the public health or safety. The bill further authorizes the Board to suspend, revoke, or deny renewal of an existing license of any asbestos contractor who is shown to have a substantial identity of interest with an asbestos contractor whose license has been revoked.

The introduced bill established an exam requirement for initial licensure for asbestos workers. The substitute version removes this requirement.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill increases the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation by requiring the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors to develop a model notice in English and Spanish. This bill also authorizes the Board to suspend, revoke, or deny renewal of an existing asbestos contractor license that is shown to have a substantial identity of interest with an asbestos contractor whose license has been revoked. Any costs associated with this change are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within the agency's current resources.

It is anticipated that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Labor and Industry or the Department of Environmental Quality.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Labor and Industry, Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: As substituted, this bill is identical to HB1851 as introduced.

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