

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1058

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, T.G.

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; payments for medical services.

5. Summary: Requires that, for health care services rendered to a workers' compensation claimant on or after July 1, 2014, (i) the charge master used by a health care provider shall be the same charge master used by a health care provider when providing health care services to patients other than claimants; (ii) the pecuniary liability of the employer for treatment rendered by an assistant-at-surgery will be limited to those services as coded and billed consistent with the then current Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value file; and (iii) multiple procedures shall be coded and billed as agreed upon by a work group composed of subject matter experts. The measure also establishes (a) a procedure for advanced authorization for medical treatment and testing of an injured employee when requested by the provider; (b) prompt payment requirements; and (c) a two-year limitations period on a health care provider's submission of claims contesting the sufficiency of payment for services rendered on or after July 1, 2014.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact is indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, as its impact on workers' compensation medical claims payments is uncertain. According to the Workers' Compensation Commission, no impact on its administrative expenses is expected as a result of this bill. However, the bill may reduce workers' compensation payments made by the State Employee Workers' Compensation Services program, administered by the Department of Human Resource Management, and those paid from the Workers' Compensation Commissions' Uninsured Employer's Fund. An estimate of the impact of any such changes in medical payments is not able to be made at this time, as relevant claims and payment data is not available.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; Department of Human Resource Management.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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