

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 191

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

**2. Patron:** Minchew, J. Randall

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Physician assistant; expert witness testimony

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation provides that a physician assistant, when properly qualified, may testify as an expert witness in a court of law within the scope of their activities as authorized under Virginia law, but may not testify as an expert witness against a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine in a medical malpractice proceeding or review panel. The bill also adds "treatment" and "treatment plan" to those areas concerning which a physician assistant or chiropractor may testify as an expert witness.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. No Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 1/9/14