

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB343E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input 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: Garrett

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks.

5. Summary: The proposal authorizes the use of consumer-grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling. The bill also defines "display fireworks" and "restricted consumer fireworks." The provisions of the bill are set to become effective January 1, 2015.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Tentative. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This proposal could potentially increase revenue for the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) in fees collected for inspection of consumer fireworks retailers in future years.

According to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP), with the change in definition contained in this proposal, the regulation of consumer grade fireworks would fall within the State Fire Prevention Code (SFPC). This change in SFPC would make consumer grade fireworks retailers subject to permits registration and inspection by the SFMO, which could result in increased revenues to the SFMO through inspection fees and permits.

According to the SFMO estimates, that assume that the Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD) approves SFMO to collect fees for inspection of consumer fireworks retailers, the SFMO could realize \$250,000 in revenues collections beginning in FY2018 from issuing temporary and annual permits and performing inspections.

The SFMO's fees are set by the Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD), therefore VDFP and SFMO have to subscribe to the BHCD's fees setting schedule which is considered every three years. The BHCD will consider SFMO's fees in the fall of 2016.

According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission's fiscal impact statement for the proposed legislation, this bill is not expected to increase the future state-responsible (prison) space needs in state adult correctional facilities of the Department of Corrections.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Fire Programs, State Fire Marshal's Office.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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