

**Department of Planning and Budget
2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB 1143

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

2. Patron: Garrett

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Establishment of quarantine zones by the Governor.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Governor to establish quarantine zones at points of entry into the Commonwealth, including airports, seaports, and marine terminals, for the purpose of quarantining individuals who have arrived from foreign countries in which a communicable disease of public health threat, which includes the Ebola virus, has caused the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to issue a Level 3 Travel Health Notice. The bill also authorizes the Governor to direct the State Health Commissioner to declare the quarantine of such individuals. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The impact on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. A zone would need to be established at any airport, seaport, or marine terminal in which quarantined individuals would be housed. As a result, such a space would need to be rented. For Ebola virus disease, the quarantine would last for 21 days from the date of departure from the affected country. Food, medicine, access to health care and other essential needs would have to be provided. For planning purposes, costs are estimated to be \$200/day for rent and \$50/day for food and essential needs. That would equate to \$5,250 per person for 21 days of quarantine. It is unknown how many people would require quarantine; because of this it is possible VDH will need to seek funding at some point. The Department of Health expects that the Ebola epidemic will be over by FY18.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.