

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB829

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Edwards

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Court costs; expired inspection sticker.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits the court from assessing court costs if the violation for an expired motor vehicle safety inspection sticker is dismissed.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item #8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under current law, a motor vehicle inspection violation under §46.2-1158 may be dismissed if the defendant provides proof to the court of compliance with that law before the hearing date. The defendant would then be assessed court costs of \$51 as required under §16.1-69.48:1.

The proposed legislation would prohibit the imposition of court costs for such dismissals. In FY2014, there were 20,404 dismissals by compliance with the law for violations of §46.2-1158. Assuming violations and dismissals continue at the FY2014 rates, this legislation would likely result in approximately \$1,040,604 in loss revenue to the General Fund and other special dedicated funds.

The following chart shows the specific funds that would likely lose revenue in FY2016 and beyond as a result of this legislation.

Fund	Potential annual loss revenue
General Fund	(\$795,756)
Virginia Crime Victim-Witness Fund	(\$61,212)
Regional Criminal Justice Academy Fund	(\$20,404)
Courthouse Construction Maintenance Fund	(\$40,808)
Intensified Drug Enforcement Fund	(\$81,616)
Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Fund	(\$40,808)

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts, localities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None