

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB962

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: LaRock

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Lyme disease testing disclosure; sunset repeal; educational signage; civil penalty.

5. Summary: Creates a civil penalty for individuals licensed by the Board of Medicine who violate the requirement to disclose certain information to a patient when the licensee orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease for the patient. The first violation results in a written reprimand from the Board. The second violation results in a \$500 civil penalty and each subsequent violation results in a \$1,000 civil penalty. The bill also repeals the sunset for the Lyme disease testing disclosure requirement. The bill creates the Lyme Disease Educational Signage Fund for the purposes of providing Lyme disease educational signage for placement in Virginia State Parks.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminable, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The impact his bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time. If the Board of Medicine were to receive a complaint, it would have to be investigated and adjudicated which would have additional costs on the Department of Health Professions and the Board of Medicine. As a result DHP and the Board would have to absorb the indirect and direct costs of enforcing the law. This bill would not impact the general fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.