

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2276S1

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

**2. Patron:**    Wilt

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**    Death certificate amendments; disputes settled by clerk of circuit court.

**5. Summary:** Provides that, for death certificate amendments other than the correction of information by the State Registrar, including changing the name of the deceased, the deceased's parent or spouse, or the informant, the marital status of the deceased, or the place of residence of the deceased, when the place of residence is outside the Commonwealth, the surviving spouse or immediate family of the deceased may file a petition with the circuit court of the county or city in which the decedent resided as of the date of his death, or the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, requesting an order to amend such death certificate. The bill requires service of the petition upon the State Registrar and upon any person listed as a relative or informant on such death certificate. The bill directs the clerk to submit the petition and evidence to the judge for entry of an order without a hearing, unless the judge decides a hearing is necessary. The bill requires the clerk to transmit a copy of the court's order to the State Registrar, who shall amend the death certificate in accordance with such order.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill as amended would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** SB 1048, introduced by Senator Hanger, is a companion bill.