

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2300

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** O'Bannon

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Frequency of inspections.

**5. Summary:** Provides that in cases in which inspections of emergency medical services agencies and vehicles, hospitals, hospices, home care organizations, restaurants, summer camps, campgrounds, and hotels are required, no licensee shall be inspected for a second time until such time as all other licensees in that category have also been inspected.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time. The agency has stated that it is unclear whether the provisions of the bill could be reasonably implemented. As there is no current centralized program for tracking and scheduling inspections at this level, scheduling inspections in a specific order statewide would likely require manual reporting from the Virginia Environmental Health Database. This would require two positions at an estimated cost of \$152,847 to run the report multiple times a day for individual time frames pertinent to any individual facility that the agency wishes to inspect.

While the Office of Environmental Health services conducts inspections all across the Commonwealth, the current practice of scheduling inspections geographically and making needed inspections without delays or changes are both practices that are necessary to meet regulatory requirements within the agency's budget. By requiring that an inspector first inspect all other licensees in that category before inspecting a site a second time could put certain sites out of compliance with the code if inspections are delayed. Existing inspectors would perform fewer inspections per year because backtracking to skipped inspection sites could significantly alter travel times depending on the distance between sites.

Fewer inspections performed by staff every year would necessitate additional health district employees statewide to ensure all inspections occur as per the code. In order to remain in compliance with the code, the agency would need to hire an additional inspector for each

category affected at a cost estimated at \$60,330 per inspector. Furthermore, as the bills is written it would require the agency to begin shifting survey teams across the state, incur additional travel expenses, which could result in a loss of productivity.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.