

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2368

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

2. Patron: Morris

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Milk production requirements; exemption.

5. Summary: This bill exempts any person owning no more than three cows or three goats from the oversight of the Milk Commission and the requirements of the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services governing the quality, grading, and sanitary standards for milk, as long as the milk is sold directly to consumers and bears a label stating that the product has not been inspected by the state and that the consumer is purchasing the product at his own risk.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The regulation and inspection of milk and milk products is supported by the general fund; the bill will have no direct fiscal impact involving loss of revenue. However, the investigation of any complaints or foodborne illnesses that may occur as a result of this legislation will require fiscal resources to ensure a thorough investigation and to minimize the public health impact if an outbreak occurs. At this time, the number of potential complaints and resulting investigations cannot be determined.

The bill exempts certain individuals from assessments collected by the Milk Commission. The Commission estimates that the nongeneral fund revenue impact will be negligible, and may be absorbed. Goat milk is not included in the Milk Commission's regulatory authority.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Milk Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.