

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB873 – S1

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

**2. Patron:** Marsden

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Authority of fire chief over unmanned aircraft systems at a fire, etc.; civil liability.

**5. Summary:** The bill requires that the Department of Fire Programs and the Virginia Department of Health jointly develop guidelines for public safety agencies regarding the use and management of privately owned unmanned aircraft systems as defined in § 19.2-60.1, including guidance for banning or restricting the uses of such systems, in order to maintain order during emergency incidents or in the vicinity of emergency incidents. It also adds “including the immediate airspace” in the list of authority of the fire department during a fire or explosion.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Fiscal Impact

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Fire Programs have stated that this will not impact their Department; developing these guidelines can be accomplished with existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Fire Programs, Virginia Department of Health, public safety agencies

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None