Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 973ER

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

2. **Patron:** Sturtevant

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Assault and battery; health care providers; penalty.

5. **Summary:** Expands the penalty for battery against a health care provider who is engaged in the performance of his duties to apply in hospitals, or in emergency rooms in any clinic or other facility rendering emergency care. Under current law, the penalties only apply to a battery against an emergency health care provider. The bill requires the Department of Health to work with stakeholder groups to develop guidelines regarding the publication of penalties for battery on a health care provider and for the training of health care professionals and providers in violence prevention programs.

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

7. **No Fiscal Impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The agency has stated that any additional increase in workload can be absorbed.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** HB 1921, introduced by Delegate Robinson, is a companion bill