

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB20

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

2. Patron: Mark L. Cole

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Fair Repair Act; access to diagnostics, tools, services documentation, and firmware, penalties.

5. Summary: Requires the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of digital electronic equipment to make available to independent repair providers or owners of equipment manufactured by the OEM the same diagnostic and repair information timely and for no charge, or for the same charge and in the same format the OEM makes available to its authorized repair providers. OEMs are also required to make available for purchase by the owner or an independent repair provider any diagnostic and repair equipment or service parts and tools on fair and reasonable terms. The measure does not apply to motor vehicles. A violation is a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act (Â§ 59.1-196 et seq.). The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2019.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Attorney General and Department of Law (OAG) indicates that the bill presents no fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Attorney General and Department of Law

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: