

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB905

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

2. Patron: Ruff

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Commercial rest areas.

5. Summary: Prohibits a private entity from operating a rest area for commercial purposes without the approval of the General Assembly. The bill provides that the prohibition does not apply to rest areas established prior to July 1, 2018.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), VDOT and the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) each currently receive in excess of \$1 million in revenue from outsourced vending services at rest areas. Additionally, VDOT sponsorship programs at the rest areas are in progress and revenue projections from these possible sponsorship programs are not yet available. This legislation does not appear to affect any of these activities.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation, Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB 1522.

The second enactment, as presently written, exempts the present private commercial activities occurring at existing rest areas, or any future private commercial activities at existing rest areas, from the requirements of this legislation. Only new rest areas would be impacted.