

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1096ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Miyares, J. S.

**3. Committee:** Passed the House and Senate.

**4. Title:** Dead animals; makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to place within or on any church.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to maliciously place any dead animal within any church or on church property.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final (see Item 8 below).

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The authorized punishment for Class 1 misdemeanors is confinement in jail for up to twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population or the amount of fines that would be collected as a result of this proposal. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2019), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$34.07 per inmate, per day in FY 2018.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts, law enforcement agencies, Commonwealth's Attorneys.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.