

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1603

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

2. Patron: Austin

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Traffic incident management vehicles.

5. Summary: Allows traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, to be equipped with flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	0	0	
2021	\$201,700	0	NGF
2022	\$428,200	0	NGF
2023	\$428,200	0	NGF
2024	\$428,200	0	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: The language in this bill is permissive. If the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) opts to equip its vehicles with flashing red lights as allowed by this legislation, an initial cost of \$356,000 would include a minimum light package for all vehicles. The Year 2 onward costs of \$462,000 per year include the formal retrofit of vehicles. VDOT would absorb these costs within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Fire Programs, Virginia Fire Chiefs Association

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB983. This bill does not require operators of traffic incident management vehicles to complete an emergency vehicles operators course, which HB983 does. The additional cost to VDOT for the training course would be approximately \$154,000 in the first year and \$34,000 in later years.