

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2021 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1801

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

**2. Patron:** Edmunds

**3. Committee:** Committee on Transportation

**4. Title:** Disposing of litter; penalty.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation increases the fine for dumping or disposing of litter, trash, or other unsightly matter on public or private property from a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$2,500 to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000. The bill also increases the mandatory minimum period of community service in lieu of confinement in jail from 10 hours to 40 hours.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Currently, any person convicted under § 33.2-802 (dumping trash) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. However, in lieu of jail, the court may order the defendant to perform a mandatory minimum of 10 hours of community service in litter abatement activities. The proposed legislation increases the fine for dumping or disposing of litter, trash, or other unsightly matter on public or private property from a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$2,500 to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000. The bill also increases the mandatory minimum period of community service in lieu of confinement in jail from 10 hours to 40 hours. Fines that may be collected are deposited into the Literary Fund, however the amount to be deposited cannot be determined at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Law enforcement agencies; Local jails; Courts.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.