

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1802

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Freitas

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Food product sales; waive government inspection.

5. Summary: Exempts from certain inspection and permitting requirements food products that are otherwise permitted by state law and are sold either at a farmers market or on the premises where such products were grown or produced. Consumers purchasing exempt food products will sign a waiver provided by the seller that includes information about the products and the producers of such products.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See Item 8.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill may have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). VDACS collects an annual \$40 food safety fee from each firm that is inspected, as provided for in Item 104 of the Appropriation Act. An undetermined number of firms would no longer be inspected, thus decreasing the revenue.

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Literary Fund

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None