

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1940

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Runion

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:**    Waterworks and wastewater works operators; license reciprocity.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (the Department) to issue a reciprocal license for waterworks and wastewater works operators licensed in another state within 15 days of receipt of a complete application. Such license is to be issued, without examination, for the highest Virginia classification that is generally comparable to the applicant's existing license or certificate with appropriate credit given for an applicant's education and experience. The bill entitles an applicant to appeal the Department's denial or classification decision and directs the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill contains an emergency clause.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact that this bill may have on the department can be absorbed within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** SB 999 would amend the Code with identical language but does not contain an emergency clause.