

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1545

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Rouse

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Civil relief; citizens of the Commonwealth furloughed or otherwise not receiving wages or payments.

5. Summary: Provides a 30-day stay of eviction and foreclosure proceedings for tenants, homeowners, and owners who rent to a tenant a one-family to four-family residential dwelling unit who request a stay and provide written proof, defined in the bill, that such tenant or homeowner is (i) an employee of the United States government, (ii) an independent contractor for the United States government, or (iii) an employee of a company under contract with the United States government who was furloughed or otherwise has not received or is not currently receiving wages or payments as a result of the partial closure of the United States government beginning on October 1, 2023. The bill contains an emergency clause. The bill has an expiration date of September 30, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Housing and Community Development has no oversight or administrative obligations regarding the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. The department does update and publish on its website the Landlord Tenant Handbook. Any legislative changes made to the Act will be updated, but the department can do so using current resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development; courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.