

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB622

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Orrock

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Use of natural cut Christmas trees in certain places of worship

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill overrides the Statewide Fire Prevention Code regulations that prohibit the use of natural cut Christmas trees in the common areas of places of worship that do not have automatic sprinkler systems. Any person managing a place of worship that does not have an automatic sprinkler system must take all reasonable precautions to avoid fire and explosion while any natural cut Christmas tree is present in such place of worship. In October, the International Code Council building and fire codes were adopted for Virginia, which included the international fire code regulation on the use of natural cut Christmas trees.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill has no fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Housing and Community Development.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: HB 1180, introduced by Delegate Bryant, and HB 1203 introduced by Delegate Cline, are similar bills.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade