

Virginia Department of Transportation
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement (Regular Session)

1. Bill Number: HB 1716

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Collecting a fee from vehicles required to be weighed at weigh stations in the Commonwealth.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to calculate, impose, and collect a fee for damage done to highways by vehicles required to be weighed at weigh stations in the Commonwealth. The amount collected shall be based on the difference between the amount received annually from the federal government for highway maintenance and the annual cost of repairing damage done to highways by vehicles subject to the fee.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are unavailable.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill is identical to HB 200 from the 2006 Session. The exact fiscal impact cannot be quantified. The Department of Motor Vehicles will be required to establish a process for collecting fees and administering the monitoring and enforcement of the fee program statewide for all vehicles (in-state, out-of-state and international) having a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 7,500 pounds.

There is no static amount for federal maintenance funding and insufficient data is available on pavement and structure damage, thus such a calculation cannot be accomplished at this time. Funding for a study to quantify damage caused by trucks and the cost to repair such damage could possibly be necessary. The amendment requires the fee for each vehicle to be determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, based on the difference between funds received each year from the federal government for highway maintenance and the annual cost associated with repair of damage done by these vehicles.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia Department of Transportation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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