

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2789

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Hull

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations; penalty.

5. Summary/Purpose: Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations; penalty. Provides that when violations of the Building Code relating to occupancy limits, where a dwelling results in not being a safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling, in a locality where the governing body has taken action to enforce the Maintenance Code, any owner, other person, firm, or corporation convicted of such violation may be punished by increased fines and confinement in jail for not more than 10 days. Currently, any violation of the Building Code is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,500.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See item 8, below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2005), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$28.35 per inmate, per day in FY 2005.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Court system, jails.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: No

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade
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