

## State Corporation Commission 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB252

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u>    </u>	Substitute	<u>    </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>    </u>	In Committee	<u>    </u>	Substitute	<u>    </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** O'Bannon

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** **Health insurance; mandated coverage for evaluations of brain tumors.**

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires health insurers, health services plans and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a second opinion evaluation, at a medical center designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) as a comprehensive cancer center for primary malignant brain tumors. The bill prohibits insurers, corporations, or HMOs from imposing any co-payment, fee, policy year or calendar year, or durational benefit limitation or maximum for benefits or services not equally imposed on all individuals in the same benefit category. The bill applies to policies, contracts, and plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued or extended in Virginia on and after January 1, 2009, or anytime thereafter when a term of the policy, contract, or plan is changed or any premium adjustment is made. The bill does not apply to short-term travel, accident-only, limited or specified disease, or individual conversion policies or contracts, or policies or contracts designed for issuance to persons with Medicare, or any similar state or federal government plan.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** None on the State Corporation Commission

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** House Bill 252 is identical to 2007 Session House Bill 2156. House Bill 2156 (2007) was reviewed by the Special Advisory Commission on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits, which recommended against enactment of the bill (5 to 4).

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
Secretary of Health and Human Resources