

**Department of Planning and Budget
2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB224

House of Origin Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed
Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: McDougle

3. Committee: Senate Committee on Transportation

4. Title: **Driver's license and registration; failure to carry.**

5. Summary: Imposes a fine of between \$50 and \$250 for failing to carry a driver's license and vehicle registration card. The current fine is \$10. The existing provision that the summons will be dismissed if the person produces a license that was issued to him before the summons was issued or a registration card remains unchanged.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Item 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Supreme Court of Virginia, it is not anticipated that this legislation would create an expenditure impact on courts.

However, there could be a revenue impact to the general fund. There have been 13,613 convictions for this offense during the past year, for a statutory assessment of \$136,130. Assuming that the average new fine for this offense would fall at a mid-point between the new statutory minimum and maximum, the average fine would be \$150. If the number of convictions remain constant, then a total of \$2,041,950 would be collected, which would represent an increase of \$1,905,820.

That said, it is unlikely that all of this potential revenue increase would be realized. The passage of this legislation could cause the number of convictions to decrease. Raising the fine from \$10 to a range of \$50 to \$250, provides a strong inducement for citizens to comply with the provision whereby the summons is dismissed.

Any increase in fines would go into the literary fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, Department of Motor Vehicles

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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