## Virginia Department of Transportation 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement (Regular Session)

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2.	Patron: Carrico, C	•		
3.	Committee: Passed bot	h Houses		
	Title: A bill to an		enact §46.2-1143	of the Code of Virginia, relating to

## 5. Summary/Purpose:

Rill Number: HR 1752 Enr 1

This bill exempts trucks hauling coal byproducts from origin to destination from overweight permit fees. The bill adds electricity-generation facilities to the list of destinations that qualify such vehicles for an exemption from those fees. This bill also extends until July 1, 2010, the sunset on the statute applying to trucks hauling gravel, sand, or crushed stone no more than 50 miles within the Commonwealth of Virginia from origin to destination in counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases the same weight limits applied to trucks hauling coal.

The enrolled bill amends the second enactment of Chapter 864 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 to set a \$265 annual overweight fee for each eligible tank wagon vehicle until comprehensive legislation addressing fees for overweight vehicles is enacted.

- 6. Fiscal Impacts are unavailable
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: NO
- **8. Fiscal implications:** Overweight vehicles have a negative impact on highway infrastructure. Increased loading decreases the service life of the pavements and bridges. This bill will allow heavier vehicles to travel the highways; if that occurs, it will result in accelerated pavement damage over time, requiring more frequent repairs. Such repairs, in turn, create more work zones, congestion, and inconvenience for the traveling public.

The current annual overweight fee for each eligible tank wagon vehicle is \$265 and sunsets on June 30, 2009. The enrolled bill sets the fee to \$265 until comprehensive legislation addressing fees for overweight vehicles is enacted..

- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** VDOT, DMV, and counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases.
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: NO

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to HB1622 and HB2185, which were incorporated

into HB1752 by the House Committee on Transportation.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation