

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1849

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act; expands definition of disaster**

5. Summary: The bill expands the definition of “disaster” for purposes of the Virginia Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act to include any resource shortage in the Commonwealth that results from a disaster for which the President has declared a state of emergency and for which the Governor has issued an executive order proclaiming that a shortage exists. A resource shortage is an absence, unavailability or reduced supply of any raw or processed natural resource, or any commodities, goods or services of any kind that bear a substantial relationship to the health, safety, welfare and economic well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth. The measure also revises the definition of “supplier” to delete the condition that a manufacturer, distributor or licensor advertise the goods or services that are to be resold, leased, or sublicensed in a consumer transaction. The definition of a “time of disaster” is clarified and amended to include the period of time during which a Governor's proclamation provides that a resource shortage exists.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry