

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1850

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Medical examiner reports; admissibility of contents**

5. Summary: Provides that any statement of fact or opinion in a medical examiner's report concerning the physical or medical cause of death is admissible as evidence of the cause of death as long as it does not allege any conduct by the accused.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The legislation authorizes any statement (either fact or opinion) provided by the medical examiner to be admitted as evidence, which does not have a fiscal impact for the Department of Health.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources