

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2192

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: Watts

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia War Memorial

5. Summary: This bill provides that the names and homes of record designation of all Virginians who while deployed in a designated combat area were killed in action, hostile casualties, or nonhostile casualties unrelated to self-inflicted wounds, who died as prisoners of war, or who are missing in action shall be placed in the Virginia War Memorial.

6. Fiscal impact estimates: Indeterminate. See Item #8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: In the narrow sense, this bill would only impact those Virginians who are “killed in action” according to the new definition in the bill, but who are not eligible under the current War Memorial policy. In the broader sense, it is unclear whether this policy would apply retroactively to previous conflicts, whether names would have to be added (or removed) from past conflicts, etc. If applied retroactively, this bill would likely require a multi-year research project to determine these names, beginning with the Revolutionary War. The cost under either scenario cannot be determined, although the costs associated with the broader interpretation could greatly increase any costs associated with this bill.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia War Memorial, Department of Veterans Services.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: Consideration should be given to clarifying the extent of this legislation. The Virginia War Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees met on January 13, 2009 and is currently reviewing this issue. This bill is similar to HB 1875.

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