

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB215

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

**2. Patron:**        Locke

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:**            **Board for Contractors; certification of accessibility mechanics.**

**5. Summary:** This bill provides for the certification of accessibility mechanics by the Board for Contractors. An accessibility mechanic is an individual who erects, constructs, installs, alters, services, repairs, tests, or maintains wheelchair lifts, incline chairlifts, certain dumb waiters, and private residence elevators, in accordance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010-11	23,400	NGF
2011-12	19,800	NGF
2012-13	19,800	NGF
2013-14	19,800	NGF
2014-15	19,800	NGF
2015-16	19,800	NGF

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill will increase the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation's responsibilities by adding a licensing program to the Board for Contractors for individuals who work on residential elevator and accessibility systems. It is expected to add between 150 and 180 licensees. Additional workloads associated with the increase in volume of regulants are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within the Department's current resources and appropriations. There is no impact on current licensees.

Revenue: In accordance with the provisions of Section 54.1-113 (Callahan Act) of the Code of Virginia, licensing fees are established at rates adequate to cover a program's operating costs and a proportionate share of agency support costs. The Board's cash and revenues are sufficient to cover the increased costs associated with this legislation. Revenue is expected to increase in the first year as approximately 150-180 new regulants apply for licensure, and in future years for new regulants entering the program and license renewals.

Cost to Regulants: No additional cost to current licensees is expected as a result of this legislation. Licensing fees for new regulants are expected to be similar to the fees for current regulants, which will be \$130 for initial application and \$90 for a two-year license renewal.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to House Bill 406.

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