

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB27

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

2. Patron: Puller

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Warranty registration cards; prohibits seller from conditioning coverage or performance of warranty.**

5. Summary: This bill prohibits a seller from conditioning the coverage or performance of a warranty, in connection with the sale of personal, family, or household goods, upon the purchaser's returning a warranty registration card, or from providing that the duration of a warranty is dependent upon the return of a warranty registration card. These prohibitions do not apply if the requirement that the purchaser return a warranty registration card is conspicuously disclosed in any advertising and marketing materials that reference the good's warranty. A seller may use warranty registration cards as a suggested method of proof of the date the goods were purchased. A violation constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None. Any additional workload will be absorbed by the agency.

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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