

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1692

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Stolle

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Authority to change speed limits.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would provide that, in addition to differentiated speed limits for daytime and nighttime driving, the VDOT Commissioner or other authority having jurisdiction over highways may set variable speed limits based on traffic conditions, atmospheric conditions, weather, emergencies, and like conditions affecting driving safety. Such differentiated speed limits shall be effective only when prescribed after a traffic engineering investigation and when indicated on the highway by signs.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation would allow highway speed limits to be set based on a variety of factors. The costs of any traffic engineering investigations and any additional signage required following the investigations would need to be absorbed through existing appropriation of the Department of Transportation. This may result in the reprioritization of the agency's spending on transportation.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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