

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1726

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

2. Patron: Carrico

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Bridge vertical clearance; signage

5. Summary: The Code of Virginia requires the posting of signs when a bridge or other structure has a vertical clearance of less than 14 feet. Currently, the Code requires the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Commissioner to post such signs for bridges and structures over any highway. Cities and certain towns, along with Arlington County and Henrico County, maintain roads within their respective jurisdictions. The proposed legislation would clarify that the VDOT Commissioner's responsibility for posting restricted vertical clearances applies only to bridges on roads maintained by VDOT. Localities are to be responsible for placing signs for restricted vertical clearances on roads maintained by the locality.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would shift any costs for the placement and maintenance of restricted vertical clearance signs from VDOT to the applicable locality maintaining its own road system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All cities, towns maintaining their roads, Arlington County, Henrico County, Virginia Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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