

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB546

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:** Marshall, D.W.

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Motor carriers of passengers; permits

**5. Summary:** This bill requires that contract bus carriers and contract passenger carriers obtain a permit from the Department of Motor Vehicles before operating on the highways in the Commonwealth.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates:** Preliminary.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Statutory amendments included in the legislation would stipulate that it is unlawful for contract passenger carriers and contract bus carriers to operate intrastate without a "permit" issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) "in accordance with the provisions of this chapter"—i.e., Chapter 20 of Va. Code Title 46.2. However, this chapter of the *Code* does not include any provisions requiring those carriers to obtain permits from DMV. For purposes of estimating the bill's fiscal impact, DMV has presumed that the word "permit" in the legislation means the certificate of public convenience that contract passenger carriers are required to obtain from the agency and the certificate of fitness that contract bus carriers must obtain from DMV.

The bill could be interpreted, however, as requiring contract passenger carriers and contract bus carriers to obtain different types of documents than the ones currently issued by DMV. If that is the case, then some costs would be incurred to implement the provisions of this bill. The cost would likely not be significant.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation