

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1108

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Hanger

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title:**         Home food inspections.

**5. Summary:** Exempts a private home whose resident processes and prepares honey produced from hives owned by the resident from inspection by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. To be exempted the person has to meet certain conditions including selling less than 250 gallons of honey annually, affixing a label to the product that says 'PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION,' and annually certifying that these various conditions have been met.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**7b. Revenue Impact:**

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2011               | (4,600)        | Nongeneral  |
| 2012               | (4,600)        | Nongeneral  |
| 2013               | (4,600)        | Nongeneral  |
| 2014               | (4,600)        | Nongeneral  |
| 2015               | (4,600)        | Nongeneral  |
| 2016               | (4,600)        | Nongeneral  |
| 2017               | (4,600)        | Nongeneral  |

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation will result in a reduction in annual food safety revenues of \$4,600. Currently the agency's Food Safety and Security Program monitors and inspects 52 honey producers. Each of these producers is charged an annual fee of \$100 by the agency. Information provided by the legislative liaison for the Virginia Beekeepers Association indicates that only approximately 6 of the honey producers currently being monitored and inspected by VDACS sell 250 or more gallons of honey on an annual basis. Therefore, 46 honey producers currently under inspection may be exempt from periodic inspection and monitoring as well as the \$100 annual fee.

Revenue from the annual fee is utilized by the agency to conduct an ongoing food safety and security program designed to protect the public from unsafe food products and to reduce the instances of illnesses and death resulting from the consumption of adulterated food products.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 1/18/2011