

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB256

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: HOV lanes; use by vehicle with clean special fuel license plates.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would extend the occupancy exemption on certain high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes for vehicles bearing clean special fuel vehicle license plates to July 1, 2013 in Northern Virginia and to July 1, 2017, in Hampton Roads. The current occupancy exemption is scheduled to sunset statewide on June 30, 2012. The exemption authorizes such vehicles to use HOV lanes without meeting the required number of passengers. Section 46.2-749.3, Code of Virginia, limits the exemption on the I-95\395 corridor to those vehicles with clean special fuel vehicle plates which were issued prior to July 1, 2006.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: House Bill 1248, passed in the 2006 General Assembly session, directed a portion of each clean special fuel license plate registration, after the first thousand issued, to the Virginia State Police for HOV lane enforcement. The State Police received \$326,895 from the registrations in FY 2011. Many of the vehicles in Virginia registered as clean special fuel vehicles are hybrid electric vehicles owned by Northern Virginia residents who utilize the HOV lanes. If the HOV lane exemption for clean special fuel vehicles ended in Northern Virginia, there would likely be a decrease in the number of special fuel license plates issued and a decrease in the amount of funding provided to the State Police. There would be less of an impact to the exemption ending in Hampton Roads.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB85, HB693 and SB 209.

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