

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2011

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: Urban county executive form of government; abandoned personal property.

5. Summary: Provides that any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) may, by ordinance, provide that it shall be unlawful for any person to place, leave, or abandon on any real property in the county, or within specified districts within the county, any dilapidated furniture, appliance, machinery, equipment, shopping cart, building material or other item or personal property, which is either in a wholly or partially rusted, wrecked, junked, dismantled or inoperative condition and which is not completely enclosed within a building. The ordinance shall provide that any such item which remains on the real property for a period of seven days after a notice of violation is given to the owner of such personal property shall be presumed to be abandoned and subject to being removed from the real property by the county or its agents without further notice. In the event any such item is so removed, the cost of removal, including an administrative fee in the amount of \$150.00, shall be charged to the owner of the personal property. No such ordinance shall apply to any real property used for the purpose of a licensed junk dealer or establishment engaged in the repair, rebuilding, reconditioning or salvaging of equipment. The ordinance may provide that a violation of the ordinance shall constitute a class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY2011 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2012), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$26.54 per state inmate, per day in FY 2011.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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