

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB888

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

**2. Patron:** Deeds

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Advertising within highway rights-of-way.

**5. Summary:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is authorized to remove unlawful signs posted within highway limits, and charge the violator for the costs of removal in addition to a \$100 civil penalty. The proceeds of the civil penalty are to be deposited in the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund (HMOF). VDOT may enter into agreements with localities to remove illegal signs and charge removal costs and the \$100 civil penalty. The proposed legislation would require that the penalties and costs collected as the result of the agreement shall be paid to the locality and not the HMOF.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would transfer the proceeds of the civil penalty from the HMOF to localities. The change is expected to have a minimal impact on state maintenance funding.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** VDOT, local governments

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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