

**Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 191

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

2. Patron: Minchew, J. Randall

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Physician assistant; expert witness testimony

5. Summary: The substitute bill allows a properly qualified physician assistant to testify as an expert witness in a court of law on certain matters within the scope of his activities as authorized under Virginia law, except in any medical malpractice action for or against (i) a defendant doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine regarding the standard of care or (ii) a defendant health care provider regarding causation. The bill also adds "treatment" and "treatment plan" to those matters about which a chiropractor may testify as an expert witness.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 2/14/14