

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB459

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

2. Patron: Kilgore, T.G.

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; vacancies.

5. Summary: Authorizes the chairman of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to recall retired members of the Commission to participate in a review of an award when vacancies exist on the Commission. The measure also provides for the compensation of recalled retired members and clarifies that more than one deputy commissioner may be appointed to participate in a review. As amended, the bill specifies that a recalled retired member shall be the member that occupied the seat for which they are being recalled, unless the parties otherwise consent.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact estimates are not available. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, this bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the Commission. The expected frequency of a vacancy on the Commission necessitating retired members of the Commission to be recalled or the appointment of more than one deputy commissioner to hear a review is minimal and occurs so infrequently that no information is currently available that can be used to estimate the fiscal impact.

If a vacancy arises, the appointment of additional deputy commissioners or retired commissioners may result in additional travel expenses and retired commissioners would be compensated \$200 per day. Since vacancies are not expected to occur with any frequency, the Commission expects to be able to absorb any such expenses.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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