

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB531

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:**    Watkins

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:**    Contract passenger carriers.

5. **Summary:** This bill eliminates the requirements that (i) contract passenger carrier service be provided for a minimum of one hour per vehicle trip and (ii) each vehicle carry a trip sheet showing passenger destinations.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No fiscal impact.** Preliminary.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** None.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles, contract passenger carriers.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** This proposal collapses some of the main operational distinctions among the various types of for-hire passenger carriers (taxi, contract passenger carrier and irregular route common carrier). The proposed changes are designed to relax certain regulatory requirements to allow emerging companies that arrange transportation services through a smart phone application to more easily do business in Virginia. In light of the need to balance public safety and consumer protection concerns with the desire to support technological and service advancements, it is anticipated that the Department of Motor Vehicles will undertake a comprehensive study to examine these regulatory requirements. Any such study would involve all the various stakeholders.

This bill is a companion to HB 908.

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