

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB598

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

2. **Patron:** Locke

3. **Committee:** Commerce and Labor

4. **Title:** Health Spa Act; dojos.

5. **Summary:** This bill deletes the exclusion from the definition of a health spa for organizations primarily operated for the purpose of teaching a particular form of self-defense such as judo or karate. The bill makes such an organization subject to the requirements of the Virginia Health Spa Act.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is estimated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The department, charged with enforcing the Virginia Health Spa Act, does not anticipate that a significant number of self-defense schools will register with the department. The type of contract offered by most martial arts schools is not the type of bondable contract that requires organizations to register with the department under the provisions of the Act.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.