

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1820-ER

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

2. Patron: Farrell

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Workers' compensation; pecuniary liability for medical services.

5. Summary: Requires the Workers' Compensation Commission (Commission) to determine the number and geographic area of communities across the Commonwealth. In establishing the communities, the Commission shall consider the ability to obtain relevant charge data based on geographic area and such other criteria as are consistent with the purposes of this title. The Commission shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment and shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption. The Commission shall convene a work group of stakeholder representatives of employers, health care service providers, claimants, and insurers to advise and assist the Commission in (i) reviewing, analyzing, and comparing information contained within and reports on all possible databases containing workers compensation or healthcare data for medical services rendered in Virginia, (ii) reviewing, analyzing, and comparing information contained within and reports on how similar databases are used for the establishment of the pecuniary liability of the employer in other states, and (iii) making findings or recommendations as to how the databases reviewed and the contents thereof may serve to enhance or replace Virginia's current mechanisms for establishing the pecuniary liability of the employer. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Commerce and Labor Committees by December 15, 2015.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Workers' Compensation Commission, the legislation is not expected to result in a state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.