

**Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 1289

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

2. Patron: Knight, Barry D.

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Blind and Vision Impaired, Department for the; contracts for operation of certain vending machines

5. Summary: The proposed legislation provides that in any case in which the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired enters into a contract with a vendor for the operation of vending machines at rest areas on the interstate highways in the Commonwealth, the Department shall only enter into such contract with a business that has been certified as a small, woman-owned or minority (SWAM) owned business or as a service-disabled veteran-owned \ business.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined (See Item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: Historical procurements for vending machine operations conducted by the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) have included both SWAM and non-SWAM vendors. Moreover, contracts have been awarded, on different occasions, to both vendor types. The selection is based on a number of factors, but chief among them is the amount of vending machine revenue that will be returned to the Commonwealth. This revenue is provided to DBVI and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to support health insurance for blind vendors and rest areas operations respectively. Based on historical experience, DBVI maintains that the vendor restrictions included in this bill could serve to limit competition and reduce the amount of money returned to DBVI and VDOT, thereby eliminating revenue being used to support current services. A specific dollar impact cannot be determined because the bill would impact future procurements and the nature of any bids cannot be estimated. However, should the revenue reduction be significant, in the case of DBVI, general fund dollar may be needed to backfill lost nongeneral fund support.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired
Virginia Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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