

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB594

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

2. Patron: Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Enforcement of traffic or motor vehicle laws; marked law-enforcement vehicles.

5. Summary: The proposal requires that any law-enforcement vehicle used by an officer for enforcing traffic or motor vehicle laws be (i) marked in some distinctive manner that identifies the law-enforcement agency employing such officer and (ii) equipped with warning lights. The bill provides exceptions for an officer who (a) stops at the scene of an accident or to assist a disabled motor vehicle, (b) has probable cause to believe the operator of a motor vehicle has committed a felony or is driving under the influence, or (iii) stops the operator of a motor vehicle who the officer reasonably believes constitutes a risk of causing imminent and serious bodily injury to any person.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 423.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 7a. and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	0	0	General Fund
2017	\$2,900,467.50	0	General Fund
2018	\$108,637.50	0	General Fund
2019	\$108,637.50	0	General Fund
2020	\$108,637.50	0	General Fund
2021	\$108,637.50	0	General Fund
2022	\$108,637.50	0	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation will have a fiscal impact on the Department of State Police (Department). Currently, the Department has approximately 580 unmarked vehicles, not including vehicles assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

The total estimated cost to outfit one unmarked vehicle in compliance of the proposed legislation is estimated at \$4,813.50 (the cost to paint the vehicle at \$3,200.00; purchase a light bar at \$1,410.00, and decals at \$38.50; and the labor cost to install light bars and decals at \$165.00). This total cost does not account for overtime that may accrue due to the extra workload to retrofit these vehicles.

The Department purchases on average 75 unmarked vehicles annually. However, due to the provisions of this proposal, it is assumed that the Department will no longer purchase unmarked vehicles, but will switch to purchasing 75 marked vehicles per year (these do not include trooper patrol vehicles). The total estimated cost to outfit one marked vehicle in compliance of the proposed legislation is estimated at \$1,448.50 (that includes a light bar at \$1,410.00, and decals at \$38.50). Thus the estimated total cost to outfit 75 marked vehicles amounts to \$108,637.50 per year. The fiscal impact for FY 2017 and subsequent years includes the average number of 75 vehicles purchased annually.

The impact on local law enforcement agencies cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia State Police, and local law-enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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