

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

**1. Bill Number:** HB62

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

**2. Patron:** Morris

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Milk production; exemptions from certain requirements.

**5. Summary:** This bill exempts persons who own three or fewer milking cows and three or fewer goats from the oversight of the Milk Commission and the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services' requirements governing the quality, grading, and sanitary standards for milk so long as the milk their cows or goats produce is sold directly to consumers and contains a label stating that the product has not been inspected by the state and the consumer is purchasing the product at his own risk.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). Currently, VDACS does not assess any fees on regulated dairy establishments, so the bill does not decrease revenue. VDACS will be responsible for investigations of any complaints or food borne illnesses that may occur as a result of this legislation; however, the number of complaints or illnesses cannot be predicted.

The Milk Commission licenses all milk processors and distributors that sell fluid milk products in Virginia. Pursuant to the laws and regulations administered by the Milk Commission, fluid milk product is defined, in part, as all processed, pasteurized, and packaged milk. As such, the sale of unpasteurized (raw) milk is not currently subject to the regulatory authority of the Milk Commission.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.