

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB70E

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

2. Patron: Miller

3. Committee: Reported from House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Magistrates; issuance of warrants for law-enforcement officers

5. Summary: Provides that a magistrate may not issue an arrest warrant for a misdemeanor offense where the accused is a law-enforcement officer and the alleged offense is directly related to the performance of his public duties upon the basis of a complaint by a person other than a law-enforcement officer or an animal control officer without prior authorization by the attorney for the Commonwealth or by a law-enforcement agency. The bill also provides that a written complaint shall be required whenever practicable if the complainant is not a law-enforcement officer.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the provisions of this bill are not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the court system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Magistrates, Commonwealth's Attorneys and law enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None