

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB514

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

2. Patron: McPike

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Department of Transportation; transponder fees or exchange

5. Summary: Prohibits the Department of Transportation (VDOT) from charging fees for or requiring users to exchange their E-ZPass flex transponder as a result of inactivity of less than one year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: According to VDOT, by extending the period of inactivity that must be present before the one-time charge is applied to unused transponders, this bill would delay VDOT's recoupment of costs for those unused transponders by delaying both the payment of the fee and the return of the transponder for persons who choose not to pay the fee.

VDOT estimates approximately 11 percent of users who would have been subject to the fee under the current six month non-use policy would not be subject to the fee under a one year non-use period. This would represent a reduction of approximately \$82,000 per year in reimbursements/cost recovery to VDOT.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: VDOT, Virginia Toll facilities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None