

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1384

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

2. Patron: Carrico

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Motor carrier size and weight limitations; compliance with federal law.

5. Summary: This bill amends several size and weight provisions to comply with the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (the FAST Act). The bill (i) allows automobile and watercraft carriers to backhaul general cargo; (ii) permits the commercial delivery of towaway trailers within limits prescribed by the FAST Act; (iii) increases the weight limits of certain emergency vehicles, natural gas vehicles, and emergency towing vehicles as required by the FAST Act; (iv) increases the weight at which a vehicle must be inspected at a permanent weighing station; (v) makes overweight permits available for tank vehicles hauling fluid milk; and (vi) permits contractors of a Medicaid Managed Care Organization to obtain a certificate of fitness as a nonemergency medical transportation carrier.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can absorb implementation costs of this bill using existing resources. A minimal amount of revenue is expected to be gained from the sale of milk hauling permits proposed under this bill, which would benefit the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and DMV. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) would need to install load-posting signs for vehicles affected by this legislation. Sign installation would occur over the next four to five years as part of VDOT's regularly scheduled sign replacement program.

Failure to comply with the FAST Act could lead to a loss of seven percent of a number of federal-aid highway funds each federal fiscal year. VDOT has estimated that failure to comply with the FAST Act could cause Virginia to lose \$72,947,464 of federal-aid highway funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2017; losses in future fiscal years would be seven percent of the federal-aid highway funds appropriated by Congress for Virginia. Because this bill brings Virginia into compliance with the FAST Act, these losses will not occur with passage of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia State Police.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation