

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1489

<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:** Chafin

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Workers' compensation; presumption that death or disease due to coal pneumoconiosis.

**5. Summary:** Specifies that the standards prescribed by the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission for determining whether the death or total disability of an employee was due to pneumoconiosis or any chronic occupational lung disease shall not be inconsistent with the standards prescribed by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services under the 1969 Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act as amended by § 1556(a) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, in order to ensure that repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act does not alter the standards required in the Commonwealth. The measure also incorporates presumptions regarding death or disability from pneumoconiosis that are codified at 30 U.S.C. § 921(c)(3) and (4).

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate – see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation cannot be determined at this time. The fiscal impact will be determined when the new statute is interpreted and applied subsequent to adoption.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.