

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1923

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

**2. Patron:** Bourne

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance with rental agreement; tenant's right to reasonable attorney fees.

**5. Summary:** Provides that a tenant is entitled to reasonable attorney fees when a tenant successfully raises as a defense the landlord's noncompliance with the rental agreement and the court enters judgment in favor of the tenant.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Housing and Community Development has no oversight or administrative obligations regarding the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. The department does update and publish on its website the Landlord Tenant Handbook. Any legislative changes made to the Act will be updated, but the department can do so using current resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.