

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2731

<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:** Edmunds

**3. Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

**4. Title:** Lyme disease; disclosure of information to patients.

**5. Summary:** Requires physicians to provide to each patient for whom a test for the presence of Lyme disease is ordered a written notice about Lyme disease, testing for Lyme disease, and the need for the patient to contact his physician with questions or concerns about Lyme disease. The bill also provides that licensees are immune from civil liability for providing such notice absent gross negligence or willful misconduct. The bill reinstates a requirement in the Code of Virginia that was effective from 2013 until its expiration on July 1, 2018. The provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2021.

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

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth as it only impacts physicians.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.