

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB444

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

2. Patron: Robinson

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Throwing or depositing grass upon certain highways; penalty.

5. Summary: Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor for any person to intentionally throw or deposit or intentionally cause to be deposited grass or grass clippings upon any paved highway with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or greater.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This statement has been revised to reflect additional information from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

The implementation of this bill could result in more individuals being charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor. A Class 3 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$500. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

This bill could require VDOT to purchase additional equipment to remove grass clippings and require lane closure and the diversion of resources from other roadwork.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Law enforcement agencies, Virginia Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.