

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB968

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

**2. Patron:** Marsden

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Maintenance and repair of relocated billboard signs.

**5. Summary:** Provides that existing provisions related to the maintenance and repair of nonconforming billboard signs do not apply to relocated billboard signs.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill removes the requirement that billboard signs being relocated as a result of land acquisition due to the widening, construction, or reconstruction of any highway comply with the maintenance and repair provisions of § 33.2-1219, Code of Virginia. Those provisions include that any repairs to noncompliant billboard signs be approved by the Commissioner of Highways and prevents the replacement or rebuilding of noncompliant billboard signs if such replacement or rebuilding exceeds 50 percent of the current replacement cost of the billboard. This is likely to increase the number of relocated billboards by removing a barrier to billboard owners in relocating, at the owner's own cost, noncompliant billboards on land acquired by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which could avoid the need for VDOT to pay to acquire and/or remove such billboards. Any potential savings to VDOT from this bill are indeterminate.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Highways to provide written notice to the sign owner and locality in which the sign is located approving the relocation, if the conditions on sign relocation resulting from the purchase or acquisition of land on which the sign is located are met. The bill would add a requirement that the sign owner apply for a building permit for the relocated sign to the existing requirements. Any costs to VDOT from this requirement is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation; localities

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to HB563.