

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1177

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Ruff

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Public weighmasters; license.

5. Summary: Allows a business entity to apply to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a license that allows qualified individuals working for or on behalf of the entity to act as licensed public weighmasters.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact: N/A

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021		
2022	(\$8,000)	Nongeneral
2023	(\$8,000)	Nongeneral
2024	(\$8,000)	Nongeneral
2025	(\$8,000)	Nongeneral
2026	(\$8,000)	Nongeneral
2027	(\$8,000)	Nongeneral

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in revenue loss to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). The Public Weighmaster Law requires a \$10 fee to accompany each public weighmaster application. Approximately 1,000 public weighmasters apply and renew their licenses with VDACS annually. There are approximately 174 businesses who employ public weighmasters in the Commonwealth. This bill will allow businesses to obtain the license, thereby eliminating the requirement for individuals to be licensed as a public weighmaster and decreasing agency revenue by approximately \$8,000 per year. This is a nongeneral funded program and the program can absorb that decrease in revenue.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.