

Department of Planning and Budget
2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1850

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

2. Patron: Reid

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Motor vehicle weight limits; vehicles powered primarily by electric battery power, etc.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes motor vehicles powered primarily by means of electric battery power to exceed relevant weight limits by 2,000 pounds, provided that such weight is on the power unit and such weight does not exceed 82,000 pounds on an interstate highway. The bill also changes the weight exemption for motor vehicles fueled primarily by natural gas on an interstate highway from the difference between the weight of the natural gas tank and fueling system and a comparable diesel tank and fueling system to up to an additional 2,000 pounds, provided that such weight is on the power unit and does not exceed 82,000 pounds.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Federal legislation passed in February 2019, added vehicles powered primarily by electric battery power to the types of vehicles which may exceed maximum weight limits on interstate highways. Vehicles powered primarily by means of electric battery power are permitted to weigh up to 2,000 pounds over the maximum weight limit, not to exceed 82,000 pounds. The bill, as amended, limits the additional weight, for both battery-powered and natural-gas-powered vehicles, to the power unit. This bill would bring the Virginia Code into conformity with the Federal Code and clarifies that vehicles powered primarily by electric battery power are granted an extension of the maximum weight limit to travel on Virginia's interstate and non-interstate highways.

It is estimated that it would require 140 hours of programming, costing \$10,114 for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to implement the provisions of the bill. The staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for employees of the DMV, given current workloads. A budget amendment is not needed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Transportation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.