

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1517

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Adams, D.M.

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Consumer Protection Act; automatic renewal or continuous service offers; cancellation reminders; prohibited practices.

5. Summary: Requires suppliers of automatic renewals or continuous service offers that include a free trial lasting more than 30 days to, within 30 days of the end of any such free trial, notify the consumer of his option to cancel the free trial before the end of the trial period to avoid an obligation to pay for the goods or services. The bill provides that failure to notify a consumer of such option is a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill also makes it a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act for a supplier to fail to disclose the total cost of a good or service to a consumer, including any mandatory fees or charges, prior to entering into an agreement for the sale of any such good or provision of any such service.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law indicates this bill presents no fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/10/2023