

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1583H1

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

2. Patron: Sullivan

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Peeping or spying into a dwelling or occupied building by electronic device; penalty.

5. Summary: The substitute bill prohibits any person from knowingly and intentionally causing an electric device to secretly or furtively peep or spy or attempt to peep or spy into or through a window, door, or other aperture of any building, structure, or other enclosure occupied or intended for occupancy as a dwelling, whether or not such building, structure, or enclosure is permanently situated or transportable and whether or not such occupancy is permanent or temporary, or to do the same, without just cause, upon the property owned by such person and leased or rented to another.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8).

8. Fiscal Implications: The substitute bill amends § 18.2-130.1 by removing the requirement that the person must knowingly and intentionally cause an electric device to enter the property to secretly or furtively peep or spy. Currently, the violation of the provisions under this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by up to 12 months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500, either or both.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, Commonwealth's Attorneys' Offices, Public Defender's Office, local and regional jails, state and local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.