

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1881H1

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Freitas

**3. Committee:** House Committee on General Laws

**4. Title:** Registration and renewal fees

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill amends § 3.2-4115 (Issuance of registrations; exemption) to establish that no fee for registration or renewal set by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("Commissioner") pursuant to this legislation can exceed \$250.

The bill states that the Commissioner cannot grant, suspend, or revoke any registration for growing, dealing in, or processing industrial hemp or hemp products in a manner that allows for the creation of a monopoly or otherwise lessens competition in the industrial hemp or hemp product industries in the Commonwealth. All citizens of the Commonwealth must have equal access to apply for any such registration, and the Commissioner must not unfairly restrict or hinder the entry of any such citizen into the industrial hemp or hemp product industries in the Commonwealth.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The substitute bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None