

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1487

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

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Alkaline hydrolysis; establishes registration requirement, regulations.

5. Summary: Establishes a registration requirement for alkaline hydrolysis providers. The bill defines alkaline hydrolysis and adds alkaline hydrolysis and hydrolyzed remains to statutes dealing with cremation and cremains. The bill grants the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers the power to inspect alkaline hydrolysis providers and their operations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The total fiscal impact the provisions of this legislation would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. The Board believes they can absorb the cost of alkaline hydrolysis facility inspections. However, if the number of facilities that provide alkaline hydrolysis as a means of disposal increases beyond what the Board can handle, an additional facility inspector position may be needed. It is unknown how many facilities offer or would choose to offer disposal by alkaline hydrolysis. A cost estimate of the position would be \$172,000 in salary, fringe benefits, and agency operational costs.

Any impact on the Virginia Department of Health can be handled within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.