

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1370

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

**2. Patron:** Delaney

**3. Committee:** Labor and Commerce

**4. Title:** Reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies by certain health care providers; prohibited.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits certain medical care facilities, certain health care professionals, and emergency medical services agencies from reporting any portion of a medical debt, defined in the bill, to a consumer reporting agency. Also prohibits collection entities from reporting collecting attempts to a consumer reporting agency. The bill provides that any willful violation of the provisions of the bill create a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 51.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications** The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law (OAG) indicates this bill will create a new enforcement of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act and, therefore, may increase OAG workload requiring an additional \$25,343 per year in attorney and investigator costs.

**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: 2/12/2024