

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB2183

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

2. Patron O'Bannon

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Administering and dispensing of necessary drugs and devices during a declared disaster or state emergency

5. Summary/Purpose:

This proposed legislation would permit the State Health Commissioner to authorize persons, not otherwise authorized by law to administer or dispense drugs and devices, to administer or dispense drugs or devices in accordance with protocols established by the Commissioner when 1) the Governor has declared a disaster or state of emergency caused by an act of terrorism or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services has issued a declaration of an actual or potential bioterrorism incident or other actual or potential public health emergency, 2) it is necessary to permit the provision of needed drugs or devices, and 3) such persons have received the training necessary to safely administer or dispense the needed drugs or devices. All drugs and devices would be administered or dispensed under the direction, control and supervision of the Commissioner, using appropriate protocols developed by the Commissioner in consultation with the Department of Health Professions. This bill is a recommendation of the Governor's Secure Virginia Panel.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Unknown (see Fiscal Implications)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will be impacted by this bill to the extent that staff and resources must be redirected from daily activities to provide the training and support per the protocols established by the State Health Commissioner in response to such an event. The costs associated with this activity are not determinable but are directly dependent on such variables as the type of disaster that occurs, the extent of training required, the number of people to be trained and the extent of need for the affected population. VDH is currently enhancing emergency response plans and building the support infrastructure to prepare for emergencies, primarily through the federal grant for such preparedness efforts from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Department of Health, Local Governments (Share in funding of local health departments/staff), Department of Health Professions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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