

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

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Bill Number: HB1746

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Bill Title: Public safety officer; definition.

Bill Summary: Adds dispatchers and animal control officers to the definition of a public safety officer for purposes of possible selection by the Governor for the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor, presented for performance above and beyond the call of duty involving extraordinary valor in the face of grave danger, at great personal risk. However, the bill specifies that dispatchers and animal control officers are not included in the definition of public safety officer for the purpose of an injury where weather constitutes a particular risk of a public safety officer's employment to be compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted:

Explanation: Not applicable

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact on state agencies.

Fiscal Analysis: This proposal adds dispatchers and animal control officers to the definition of a public safety officer for purposes of possible selection for the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor. This change does not have a fiscal impact.

Other: None.