

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2016

Patron: Obenshain

Bill Title: Department of Veterans Services; provision of copies of veteran vital records.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Health to provide a copy of a veteran's vital records to the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) upon the Department's request when a veteran or his surviving spouse requires a certified copy of a vital record to obtain service-connected benefits.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated impact is minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this legislation require the State Registrar to issue certified copies of vital records if it is requested by a veteran or their survivor to the Department of Veterans Services upon request at no cost. The current \$12.00 fee charged to customers per certified copy of a vital record would be waived for the recipient under the bill. Adoption of the legislation is anticipated to reduce revenue directed to the system of vital records by approximately \$480.00 to \$720.00 per year based on current request rates. It is unknown if such issuance request rates will increase with passage of the legislation. Any revenue impact is minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health.

Other: None