Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2211 **Patron:** O'Quinn
Bill Title: Flashing red and white warning lights; emergency vehicle exemptions; mine rescue team vehicles

Bill Summary: Authorizes vehicles operated by mine rescue teams that are certified by the Mine Safety and Health Administration under federal law to (i) be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights and (ii) disregard certain regulations regarding the operation of vehicles without being subject to criminal prosecution while responding to an emergency, provided that the operator of such vehicle has received certain training and recertifies every two years. The bill adds responding to mine rescue incidents to the list of circumstances in which such lighted warning lights shall be displayed.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A**

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Energy (Energy); however, no budget action is required.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any costs Energy may incur as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. It is anticipated that Energy can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department of State Police, the Department of Fire Programs, or the Virginia Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Other: None.