Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 2195 ER **Patron:** McQuinn

Bill Title: Mold inspectors and remediators; licensure, renames Board for Asbestos, Lead, & Home

Inspectors

Bill Summary: Prohibits the selling or offering for sale of services as a professional mold remediator to be performed upon any residential dwelling without holding a mold remediation certification from a nationally or internationally recognized certifying body for mold remediation. The bill also requires such professionals to comply with pertinent standards in conducting remediation. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to study the state of the mold inspection and mold remediation workforce in the Commonwealth to determine whether the licensure or certification of mold inspectors and remediators would benefit the public health, safety, and welfare and submit a report by January 1, 2026. This bill incorporates HB 2355 and contains an emergency clause.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

Explanation: This bill will impact the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR),

however no budget action is needed.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing resources.

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	FY2030
DPOR	\$25,696	\$40,164	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL	\$25,696	\$40,164	-	-	-	-

Fiscal Analysis: The bill amends the Virginia Consumer Protection Act (VCPA) by replacing the requirement that professional mold remediators hold a certification from "the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC)" with "a nationally or internationally recognized certifying body for mold remediation."

Additionally, the bill directs DPOR to study the industry's current workforce in the Commonwealth and produce a report for the General Assembly by January 1, 2026. The bill contains an emergency clause and would become effective immediately. DPOR anticipates that three additional Board meetings will be required (\$3,240 each) and that the work of one full time policy specialist will be required for the duration of the study. The anticipated labor cost, based on the Pay Band 4 median, is equivalent to \$67,368 per year or \$5,614 per month.

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As a fully nongeneral fund agency, DPOR is funded by fees from the individuals and businesses that their boards regulate. If expenses exceed available revenue, DPOR would be required to either raise fees or reduce other expenses in accordance with the Callahan Act. It is anticipated that the impact of this bill can be absorbed within existing appropriation, however the cumulative impact of all bills being considered may not be absorbable for DPOR.

It is anticipated that the Virginia Department of Health will be able to absorb any impact from participation in the workgroup within existing resources.

The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for enforcement of the VCPA. It is anticipated that these changes will not result in a fiscal impact.

Other: None.