

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB373 **Patron:** Martinez
Bill Title: Restaurants; food allergy awareness notice required.

Bill Summary: Requires the State Health Commissioner to publish in multiple languages a notice on the Virginia Department of Health's website containing procedures for restaurant staff to follow when a customer has a food allergy. The bill requires restaurants to post such notice in a conspicuous location. The bill also requires restaurants to include the phrase, "If you have a food allergy, please notify us," and its translation, if applicable, on their menus or on a sign posted conspicuously in the restaurant.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** None.
Explanation: See below.

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

Fiscal Analysis: Any increase in workload to publish information on the Virginia Department of Health's website is expected to be minimal and can be handled within existing resources.

Other: None.