

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB442

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Bill Title: Virginia State Crime Commission; kratom regulation and enforcement; report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission (the Commission), in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, to conduct an analysis of the enforcement and regulation of *Mitragyna speciosa*, commonly known as kratom, throughout the United States. The bill provides that in conducting its analysis, the Commission shall determine (i) the status of kratom enforcement and regulation at the federal level; (ii) whether states regulate kratom through criminalization or consumer protection laws; (iii) the penalties, if any, associated with violations of state law related to kratom, including individual possession and retail sales; (iv) any other information it deems relevant to kratom enforcement and regulation in the Commonwealth; and (v) any recommendations for changes to existing laws related to the enforcement or regulation of kratom. Lastly, the bill requires the Commission to submit an executive summary and report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: This legislation is not expected to create a state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: The Virginia State Crime Commission and the Department of Health Professions indicate that this legislation is not expected to create a fiscal impact.

Other: None.