

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB381

Patron: Bennett-Parker

Bill Title: Investigation or autopsy of dead bodies; Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; notification of retention of whole organ.

Bill Summary: Requires the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to inform through written communication a funeral service establishment or funeral service licensee if an investigation or autopsy requires the retention of any whole organ of a dead body. The bill requires such funeral service establishment or funeral service licensee to provide such written notification to the decedent's next of kin or other person authorized by law to make arrangements for the disposition of the decedent's remains.

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 provide written notice is expected to be minimal and can be handled within existing resources.

Other: None.