

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB313S1

Patron: Ebbin

Bill Title: Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; prohibited provisions; fees for maintenance and periodic payments.

Bill Summary: Amends provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to (i) limit the fees a landlord may require a tenant to pay for submitting rent or other payments to no more than the landlord's actual third-party payment processing costs and (ii) prohibit all landlords from requiring tenants to pay maintenance or repair fees unless the repair is necessitated by the tenant's actions or omissions.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Courts; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any state fiscal impact that may result from this bill to DHCD can be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal impact that may result from this bill to the Courts is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: DHCD has no oversight or administrative obligations regarding the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. The department does update and publish on its website the Landlord Tenant Handbook. Any legislative changes made to the Act will be updated, but the department can do so using current resources.

Any impact to the Courts as a result of this bill is indeterminate, as it depends on the number of parties that pursue damages. Cumulatively, this bill and similar proposed legislation may result in a nonabsorbable impact to the Courts.

Other: None.