Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB821 **Patron:** Carr
Bill Title: Photo speed monitoring devices; historic district segments.

Bill Summary: Permits a state or local law-enforcement agency to place and operate a photo speed monitoring device at a historic district segment, defined in the bill, located within the locality for the purpose of recording violations resulting from the operation of a vehicle in excess of the speed limit. The bill provides the same requirements for such devices, information collected from such devices, and any enforcement actions resulting from information collected from such devices as current law applies to the use of such devices in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk intersection segments.

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

Fiscal Summary: Any impact on state agencies is expected to be covered by permit fees charged under this program.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill permits state or local law-enforcement agency to place and operate a photo speed monitoring device at a historic district segment. The proposal also provides that the same requirements for such devices, information collected from such devices, and any enforcement actions resulting from information collected from such devices as current law applies to the use of such devices in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk intersection segments.

According to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), entities must obtain a VDOT land use permit for any signs or devices placed within VDOT right-of-way. VDOT incurs costs in processing these permit applications and charges fees per permit to offset such costs. Permit fee revenue collected by VDOT and any costs not offset by the fees is indeterminate.

The expansion of places where photo speed devices are permitted to use could potentially increase the number of penalties collected on, the exact impact is indeterminate. Civil penalties collected under this section resulting from a summons issued by a local law-enforcement officer or retired sworn law-enforcement officer employed by a locality shall be paid to the locality. Proceeds of all fines and penalties collected for offenses committed against the Commonwealth are paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Literary Fund.

Other: None.