Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB174ER **Patron:** Feggans
Bill Title: Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; tenant remedies; early termination of rental agreement by military personnel.

Bill Summary: Removes the requirement that military personnel terminating a rental agreement due to identified permissible circumstances shall provide the landlord with a termination date that is no more than 60 days prior to the date of departure necessary to comply with the official orders or any supplemental instructions for interim training or duty prior to the transfer.

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.