Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB313ER **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 require certain landlords to accept rent and security deposit payments by specified methods and to provide written receipts for cash or money order payments, and to expand the prohibition on charging tenants maintenance or repair fees so that it applies to all landlords unless the repair is necessitated by the tenant's violation of the Act.

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.