

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1147

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Keam

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Epinephrine required in certain public places.

5. Summary: Requires public places to make epinephrine available for administration. The bill allows employees of such public places who are authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine to possess and administer epinephrine to a person present in such public place believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction. The bill also provides that an employee of such public place who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a person present in the public place believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The total impact this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. The bill does not specify who shall procure the epinephrine for each public place or how many doses of epinephrine shall be made available in each public place.

§15.2-2820 of the Code of Virginia defines a “public place” as any enclosed, indoor area used by the general public, including but not limited to any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any agency thereof or any locality, public conveyance or public vehicle, educational facility, hospital, nursing facility or nursing home, other health care facility, library, retail store of 15,000 square feet or more, auditorium, arena, theater, museum, concert hall, or other area used for a performance or an exhibit of the arts or sciences, or any meeting room.

According to the Department of General Services website, the commonwealth has 10,888 owned buildings and 2,564 leases. Some of the leases may be occupied within the same building. VDH is able to procure one dose of epinephrine for \$296.13, which is cheaper than what is publicly available. To provide one dose of epinephrine in each of the 13,452 leased or

owned buildings would cost \$3,953,540. This does not take into account any public vehicles or other areas defined as a public place not owned or leased by the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Any area defined as a “public place”.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.