

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB632S1

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

2. Patron: Carr

3. Committee: Senate Transportation

4. Title: Exhaust systems; excessive noise.

5. Summary: Provides that it is unlawful for a person to operate a vehicle, moped, or motorized skateboard or foot-scooter equipped with chambered pipes, or a straight exhaust on the highways of the Commonwealth, in any driveway or on any premises of a church or other place of worship, school, recreational facility, or business, on any governmental property open to the public, on the premises of any industrial establishment providing parking space for customers, patrons, or employees, or on any highway under construction or not yet open to the public. The bill also removes a current provision that prohibits law enforcement officers from stopping motor vehicles for violating § 46.2-1049, requiring exhaust systems to be in good working order, and removes the current requirement that no evidence discovered or obtained as a result of a stop in violation of that Code section is admissible in court.

The bill also provides that the governing body of any county, city, or town may provide by ordinance that no person shall operate and no owner shall permit the operation of, either on a highway or on public or private property within 500 feet of a residential district, any motor vehicle other than an all-terrain vehicle being used for production agriculture or silviculture, in addition to the other types of vehicles such governing bodies may currently prohibit by ordinance. Ordinances may also regulate noise from a motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or motorized skateboard or scooter operated on a highway that is not equipped with a muffler and exhaust system if such noise may be hazardous to the health and well-being of its citizens.

The bill also repeals § 15.2-919, concerning the regulation of motorcycle, moped, or motorized skateboard or scooter noise.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of State Police (VSP) does not anticipate a fiscal impact on agency operations as a result of the provisions of this proposed legislation. Any potential fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.