

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB802

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

2. Patron: Price

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities.

5. Summary: Provides that any county, city, or town may bring an action to enforce the provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act related to health and safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, including infestation of rodents or a lack of heat, hot or cold running water, electricity, adequate sewage disposal facilities, or a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, provided that (i) the property where the violations occurred is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the county, city, or town; (ii) the county, city, or town has notified the landlord who owns the property directly or through the managing agent of the nature of the violations and the landlord has not remedied the violations within a reasonable time after receiving such notice to the satisfaction of the county, city, or town; and (iii) such enforcement action may include seeking an injunction, damages, or both.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Housing and Community Development 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.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.