

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB93

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Wachsmann

**3. Committee:** Appropriations

**4. Title:** Alpha-gal syndrome; Board of Health; reportable disease list.

**5. Summary:** Directs the Board of Health to add alpha-gal syndrome to the list of diseases required to be reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Commonwealth to include alpha-gal syndrome on the reportable disease list. The web-based portal currently used to capture this information will need to be upgraded in order to include alpha-gal syndrome. The agency will need to contract for temporary IT services during the first year at a cost estimated at \$36,000 to update the web-based portal, which can be handled within existing resources.

The bill directs the Board of Health to include alpha-gal syndrome as a reportable condition, however the agency believes that adding a condition to the reportable disease list would also necessitate taking additional public health actions beyond the requirements of this bill. To undertake these additional actions, the agency indicates that it would need an additional \$151,223 annually and one position that would be used to establish a program that would analyze and produce reports, manage the data, and coordinate care and prevention activities related to alpha-gal syndrome.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Virginia Department of Health.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.