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Department of Housing and Community Development

Item 93	First Year - FY1997	Second Year - FY1998
Regulation of Structure Safety (56200)	\$2,244,148	\$2,244,038 \$2,803,538
Building Safety Code (56202)	\$916,644	\$916,644 \$1,016,644
Fire Safety Code (56203)	\$943,130	\$943,130 \$1,402,630
Industrialized Building Safety Code (56204)	\$384,374	\$384,264
Fund Sources:		
General	\$1,327,162	\$1,327,162 \$1,886,662
Special	\$859,776	\$859,666
Federal Trust	\$57,210	\$57,210

Authority: Title 15.1, Chapter 1, Article 2; Title 27, Chapters 6 and 9; Title 36, Chapter 4, 4.1, 6, and 8; and Title 58.1, Chapter 36, Article 5, Code of Virginia.

A. The Department of Housing and Community Development shall recover from the Virginia Department of Health all costs associated with federal life safety code inspections and enforcement services.

B. The Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to recover the proportionate cost of inspections and enforcement actions performed under § 36-98.1, Code of Virginia, for higher education "new construction" and "renovation" projects funded in whole or in part from private or foundation sources. Costs recovered under this authorization shall be deposited to the general fund. The process and rates for cost recoveries shall be approved by the Department of Planning and Budget prior to implementation.

C. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and the Director of the Department of Fire Programs, shall convene a task force to evaluate the powers of both the state and local fire marshals to inspect facilities used by the public and their authority to cite violations of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and other local fire prevention ordinances. The task force shall discuss how to equalize the responsibilities for such inspections between state and local fire marshals in order to eliminate duplication and increase efficiency. An evaluation of the need to limit or broaden the number of facilities subject to regular inspection shall also be conducted. The task force shall submit its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1998.