2011 Session

Budget Bill - HB1500 (Chapter 890)

Virginia State Bar

Item 51	First Year - FY2011	Second Year - FY2012
Regulation of Professions and Occupations (56000)	**$12,387,630**	**$12,387,630**
Lawyer Regulation (56019)	$12,387,630	$12,387,630
Fund Sources:		
Dedicated Special Revenue	$12,387,630	$12,387,630

Authority: Title 54.1, Chapter 39, Article 2 and §§ 54.1-3935 through 54.1-3938, Code of Virginia.

A. It is the intention of the General Assembly that the Virginia State Bar strictly direct its activities toward the purposes of regulating the legal profession and improving the quality of legal services available to the people of the Commonwealth, and that, insofar as reasonably possible, the Virginia State Bar shall refrain from commercial or other undertakings not necessarily or reasonably related to the above stated purposes.

B. Out of the amounts appropriated for this Item, $1,000,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year from revenues generated from the assessment of annual fees by the Supreme Court of Virginia upon members of the Virginia State Bar, pursuant to Chapter 847, 2007 Acts of Assembly, is provided for transfer to the Clients' Protection Fund of the Virginia State Bar.

C. The Virginia State Bar shall review its member fee structure and make changes necessary to ensure fees are set at amounts needed only to cover costs and to provide for an appropriate balance.