

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB1357

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** O'Bannon

**3. Committee** Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources

**4. Title** Animal abandonment or dumping; penalties.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Adds definition of animal "dumping" to animal welfare laws. To "dump" means to abandon any dog, cat or other domesticated animal in any public place including the right-of-way of any public highway, road or street or on the property of another. The penalty for animal abandonment or dumping is increased from a Class 3 to a Class 2 misdemeanor.

**6. Fiscal Impact:** PRELIMINARY, see Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is not known. Any fiscal impact would depend on the number of convictions. Any increase in jail population due to the imposition of a Class 2 misdemeanor will increase costs to the state.

The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanorant held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per inmate, per day basis varies from locality to locality. The estimated total state support for local jails per inmate, per day, averaged approximately \$30.94 in FY 2000.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Compensation Board, local and regional jails.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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