

**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** Passed both Houses

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

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Adds definition of an "animal" dumping" to animal welfare laws. To "dump" means to knowingly desert, forsake or absolutely give up any dog, cat or other companion 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 a Class 3 misdemeanor.

**6. No Fiscal Impact:** See Item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal implications :** The proposed legislation would not result in an increase in persons confined in jails since a Class 3 misdemeanor conviction does not carry a sentence of incarceration. There could be additional revenue from fines being assessed due to this legislation but such increases are not feasible to project.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** District Courts.

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration