

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB2703

House of Origin    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
Second House    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron            Suit

3. Committee       Passed both Houses

4. Title             Humane investigators

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill phases out the humane investigator program but allows currently appointed humane investigators to continue their work and to be reappointed if they have completed the required continuing education credits and receive a recommendation from the administrative entity that oversees animal control in the locality where they are seeking reappointment. This bill requires humane investigators to report to the local administrative entity that oversees animal control instead of the State Veterinarian. The bill permits the circuit court to appoint a person to fill a vacancy when a humane investigator appointed prior to July 1, 2003, is no longer willing or able to serve.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No.

7. Fiscal implications: None.

8. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:    Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

9. Technical amendment necessary: No.

10. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade