

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB950

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Quayle

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title Animal rescues

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill amends the Comprehensive Animal Laws by adding: (i) definitions of facility, foster care provider and home-based rescue; (ii) requirements for pounds and animal shelter to provide a signed statement to the State Veterinarian certifying that none of the directors, operators, staff, or animal caregivers has ever been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment; (iii) a section providing for the confinement and disposition of companion animals by entities other than pounds and animal shelters; and (iv) various notification requirements regarding found companion animals. This bill also clarifies the definition of animal shelter by specifically excluding residential dwellings and their surrounding property. This bill deletes language providing the State Veterinarian with the authority to conduct inspections of companion animal foster homes, the registration requirements for companion animal rescue agencies and foster homes, and all references to companion animal rescue agencies.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: There may be some costs to the judicial system associated with enforcement of these provisions, but the costs are unknown at this time.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, localities, judicial system.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: The House substitute adds penalties for violations of requirements for foster homes.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade