

**Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB2338

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Athey

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources (House)

4. Title Permits to sell companion animals; civil penalty.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that localities must require any dealer or person operating a pet shop to obtain a permit, and imposes a civil penalty of \$500 for any violation. Currently, localities may require such permits and the optional penalty is up to a Class 3 misdemeanor (a fine of not more than \$500). "Dealer" means any person who, in the regular course of business, for compensation or profit, buys, sells, transfers, exchanges, or barter companion animals.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: (preliminary) See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Anyone convicted of violating such provisions is subject to a civil penalty of \$500. The number of people that might be found guilty under such provisions is unknown, which makes it impossible to reliably estimate how much additional revenue this bill would generate. Any revenues generated under this legislation would remain with the localities to be used for the administration and enforcement of such ordinance.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local government and law enforcement

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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