

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

1. Bill Number HB2338

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

2. Patron Athey

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

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

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill provides that localities may require any dealer of companion animals or person operating a pet shop to obtain a permit, and may impose a criminal penalty not to exceed a Class 3 misdemeanor (a fine of not more than \$500) or a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for any violation of such ordinance. Currently, localities may require such permits and the optional penalty is a fine not to exceed that of a Class 3 misdemeanor. "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: (Final) See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Anyone convicted of violating such provisions may be subject to either a civil or criminal penalty not to exceed \$500. The number of people that might be found guilty under such provisions and the number of localities that would choose to enact such an ordinance 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 of animal control programs and the enforcement of such ordinance pursuant to § 3.1-796.101.

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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