

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB55

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

2. Patron: Reynolds

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Companion animals; civil penalties.

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill amends the Comprehensive Animal Laws to require (i) companion animal dealers to obtain an annual local dealer business license to sell companion animals or to advertise companion animals for sale; and (ii) all releasing agencies, including dealers and pet stores, to sterilize, absent health-related delays, and implant a microchip in any companion animal before it is released to a new owner.

6. Fiscal impact: The bill does not have a fiscal impact for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill requires an annual local dealer business license for each dealer that sells or advertises for sale companion animals. Revenue from the license fee and any civil penalties assessed for failure to obtain a license are deposited in the locality's general fund for animal control activities, including spay and neuter programs.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, local governments.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry