

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB690

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u>  </u>	Substitute	<u>  </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>  </u>	In Committee	<u>  </u>	Substitute	<u>  </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Armstrong

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Commercial breeding of companion animals; penalty

**5. Summary:** The bill requires state licensure of any person who breeds companion animals and is also required to be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will issue licenses and collect an annual fee of \$150, which will be remitted to the localities where animal breeding facilities are located. Animal control officers are granted the authority to investigate any commercial breeding operation to ensure compliance with animal care laws.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill provided for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to pass through the license fee revenue to localities for animal welfare activities.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Consumer Services