

# Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

## 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 621-ER

House of Origin    ☐    Introduced    ☐    Substitute    ☐    Engrossed  
Second House    ☐    In Committee    ☐    Substitute    ☒    Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Orrock

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Rabies regulation and control; penalty

**5. Summary:** Clarifies the procedures and responsibilities among the Department of Health, localities, and other entities to prevent and control rabies. This bill clarifies that all dogs and cats over the age of four months must be vaccinated; provides that rabies certificates shall be issued to the owner of the animal vaccinated and that the veterinarian shall keep a copy of the certificate in his own files; clarifies the authority to access rabies certificates maintained at veterinary hospitals; addresses recordkeeping standards for rabies clinics; and clarifies the authority of the local health director in regard to a rabies exposure.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Health, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and local animal control agencies and humane groups

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

**11. Other Comments:** No.

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