

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB228

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: Petersen, J.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Pet dealers; diseased animals; veterinary certificate.

5. Summary: This bill amends current law regarding reimbursements of certain veterinary fees when a consumer returns or retains a diseased dog or cat, live or dead, that has been certified by a veterinarian as being unfit for purchase. Current law requires the pet dealer to refund the purchase price or exchange the unfit pet for a pet of equivalent value. The bill extends the period that the consumer can obtain a certification from a licensed veterinarian from 10 to 20 days after receipt of the animal and eliminates the condition that the animal be pedigreed. Further, the bill sets a three day parameter after the receipt of certification that the consumer has the right to return the animal or receive a refund, plus the reimbursement of reasonable veterinary fees such as the certification.

In addition, the bill requires a pet dealer to provide an animal history certificate when the consumer takes possession of a dog or cat and incorporates information on the refund provision into the text of the required notice document. The bill requires certain dealers to record and post certain information about the breeder of each animal.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.