

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1354

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

2. Patron: Ramadan

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Animal Cruelty Conviction List; established.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation establishes an Animal Cruelty Conviction List (list) and requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain the list available to the public on the website of the Department of State Police by 2017. The list shall include the names of persons convicted of certain felony animal cruelty offenses on or after July 1, 2015. Persons so convicted will be required to pay a fee of \$50 per conviction to fund the maintenance of the list. The bill requires the State Police to remove a person from the list after 15 years if he has no additional felony conviction of a relevant animal cruelty offense.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 413.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Items 7a and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	0	0	GF (general)
2016	138,600	0	GF
2017	1,000	0	GF
2018	1,000	0	GF
2018	1,000	0	GF
2020	1,000	0	GF
2021	1,000	0	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would require the Department of State Police (Department) to modify the Central Criminal History (CCH) application system which is currently in a development phase and is projected to be implemented in April 2016. No changes will be made to the current legacy CCH system by the Department which will be defunct with the implementation of the new CCH in 2016.

According to the Department, the provisions of this bill create a fiscal impact because there will be a cost to modify CCH application and to maintain the list. The one-time cost associated with the modification of the CCH is \$138,600. Because it is not possible to determine how many persons per year will be convicted of the crime required to pay the fee, according to the Department, there will be ongoing annual maintenance cost of \$1,000. The \$50 per conviction

fee will be collected by Virginia courts and transferred to the Department. No fiscal impact is anticipated on the courts due to this proposal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Virginia courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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