

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB157

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

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Animals; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop guidance documents for care.

5. Summary: This bill requires that guidance documents developed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) for the care of animals be subject to public comment prior to their adoption by the department. The bill also requires VDACS to submit the guidance document to the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services for their approval prior to its adoption. The bill specifies that the guidance document has no force of law and cannot be the basis for denial or approval of the operation of a private animal shelter and requires every approved guidance document to be posted on the department's website.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is anticipated as a result of this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.