

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1279

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

2. Patron: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Animal shelters; confinement and disposition of animals.

5. Summary: Increases from five to 10 the number of days an animal confined by a public or private animal shelter or releasing agency shall be kept prior to disposal of the animal unless sooner claimed by the rightful owner. The bill also increases from five to 10 the number of additional days such animal shall be held if the owner or custodian of the shelter determines that the animal has a collar, tag, license, tattoo, or other form of identification.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This bill may have a fiscal impact on localities, as shelters may be required to house, feed, water, and provide veterinary care for animals for longer hold times.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.