

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB304

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Animal shelter euthanasia rate.

5. Summary: The substitute bill requires any public animal shelter to file annually with the State veterinarian the number of animals euthanized at the request of the owner and the number of such animals that were seen by a licensed veterinarian prior to euthanasia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that there will be costs associated with the implementation of this bill; however, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) anticipates it will be able to absorb such costs. VDACS will be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill and providing guidance to animal shelters. Virginia has 155 public and private animal shelters and all would be required to report the number of animals euthanized at the request of the owner and the number of those animals that were seen by a licensed veterinarian prior to euthanasia. Currently, shelters are required to submit the total number of animals that have become the property of the shelter and the final disposition of each of those animals. The bill would require additional data tracking that cannot be accomplished by the existing database. The estimated a cost of the required updates is \$15,000.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.