

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB742

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

2. Patron: Jeremy S. McPike

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Rental or lease of dog or cat prohibited; civil penalty.

5. Summary: Prohibits the rental or lease of a dog or cat to a consumer, including by a purported sale of the animal in a manner that vests no equity in the consumer at the time of the purported sale. The bill prohibits the sale of a dog or cat in which the animal is subject to repossession upon default of the agreement and prohibits any financial institution from offering a loan for which the animal is subject to repossession upon default of the loan. The bill provides that the Attorney General may bring a civil action to enforce the bill's provisions and that a violator may be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$2,500. A pet shop, commercial dog breeder, dealer, or other business that violates the provisions of the bill also may have its business license, retail license, or local pet shop permit suspended or revoked after a hearing by the issuing authority. The bill exempts certain animals from its prohibitions, including purebred dogs leased for breeding; dogs or cats used in spectator events, motion pictures, racing, or other entertainment; and service dogs, guide or leader dogs, security dogs, law-enforcement dogs, military working dogs, and certified facility dogs. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Attorney General and Department of Law indicates that the bill presents no fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Attorney General and Department of Law

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: