

## Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1417

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

**2. Patron:** Stanley

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Animal testing facilities; adoption of dogs and cats; civil penalty.

**5. Summary:** Requires any animal testing facility, defined in the bill, that no longer has need for a dog or cat in its possession that does not pose a health or safety risk to the public to offer, for a reasonable period of time prior to euthanasia, such dog or cat for adoption to a releasing agency or through a private placement. The bill authorizes an animal testing facility to enter into an agreement with a releasing agency for the implementation of the adoption. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 and any court costs and attorney fees.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. It is anticipated that any fiscal impact from this legislation to the state's public research institutions can be absorbed by those institutions. The Code authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action in the appropriate circuit court to enforce the provisions of this article, and establishes a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 and court costs and attorney fees which are payable into the state treasury.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; public research institutions; localities; Office of the Attorney General; courts.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.