

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1853

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Wittman

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

**4. Title:**    Mandatory sterilization of certain dogs and cats

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill requires dog and cat dealers to adhere to the same mandatory sterilization requirements as releasing agencies. New dog and cat owners who purchase from dealers shall follow the same requirements as those who adopt at releasing agencies. Exemptions are made for fancier breeders, breed improvers, and hobby breeders.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill provides for civil penalties to be assessed for violations of the sterilization requirements or fraudulently claiming an exemption. The amount of civil penalties that will be collected under the provisions of the statute cannot be determined at this time.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, judicial system.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry