

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1570

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Hull

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Companion animals; sterilization; penalty

5. Summary: The bill requires that sellers of dogs and cats adhere to the same sterilization requirements currently applied to releasing agencies, such as shelters and pounds. Breed improvers, fancier breeders, and hobby breeders would be exempt from the requirements. Violators would be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$150, while persons fraudulently claiming exemption would be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill provides for civil penalties for violations. The fine revenue cannot be estimated.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry