

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1951

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: Shuler

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Dangerous Dog Registry

5. Summary: The bill authorizes the use of copies of all records, documents, and papers associated with the Dangerous Dog Registry in Virginia courts if the documents have been certified and authenticated by the State Veterinarian or the Dangerous Dog Registry administrator as true copies of the original documents. The current law requires that the custodian of record appears in court, if subpoenaed, to authenticate records.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the bill may avoid future costs, because the custodian of the dangerous dog registry will not be required to travel and testify in court frequently. In FY 2008, attendance in court was required twice.

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