

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB842

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Humane investigators.

5. Summary: Humane investigators. Allows the appointment of new humane investigators. Currently, existing humane investigators may be reappointed, but the program is no longer open to new participants. The administrative entity that oversees animal control will be required to (i) supervise humane investigators and (ii) maintain and annually update a list of persons eligible for appointment as humane investigators. Circuit courts that appoint a humane investigator must notify the administrative entity that oversees animal control in the locality where the humane investigator serves if a humane investigator's term expires and he is not appointed to a succeeding term before or within 30 days. The administrative entity that oversees animal control in the locality where the humane investigator was appointed may suspend, discharge or restrict the performance of humane investigator appointees for good cause under the same administrative process used for disciplinary actions against animal control officers.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: There is no fiscal impact to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)

8. Fiscal Implications: None for VDACS. However, the bill may potentially result in increased workload or use of resources in the localities.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, local government

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 1/18/2011