

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB650

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Kory

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Companion animals; euthanasia.

5. Summary: This bill requires a city or county pound to maintain a registry of organizations willing to accept healthy, nonvicious animals scheduled to be euthanized, and prohibits the pound from euthanizing such animals until it has given 24 hours notice to all of the organizations in its registry. The bill also requires a pound to make available annual statistics on impounded animals.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 92 of HB/SB30.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$67,179.00	1	General Fund
2014	\$67,179.00	1	General Fund
2015	\$67,179.00	1	General Fund
2016	\$67,179.00	1	General Fund
2017	\$67,179.00	1	General Fund
2018	\$67,179.00	1	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The legislation will require the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to employ an additional animal pound and shelter inspector to ensure compliance with the additional mandates it would place on Virginia's animal pounds. Currently, the agency employs one inspector with responsibility for statewide inspection coverage, and the additional responsibilities cannot be absorbed with existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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