

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1893

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

2. Patron: Kory, K.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Virginia Adoptable and Transferable Companion Animal Registry

5. Summary: The bill requires the State Veterinarian to establish and maintain a website titled the Virginia Adoptable and Transferable Companion Animal Registry. The website will serve as a portal where representatives of releasing agencies may post information on companion animals that are available for adoption by the public or transfer to other releasing agencies. The bill also provides that a governing body of a pound may require the pound to participate in the Registry.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 91 of House Bill 1500.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See #8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	0	0	
2014	\$125,000	1.00	General Fund
2015	\$125,000	1.00	General Fund
2016	\$125,000	1.00	General Fund
2017	\$125,000	1.00	General Fund
2018	\$125,000	1.00	General Fund
2019	\$125,000	1.00	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will require a general fund appropriation of \$125,000 and one position to establish and maintain the registry. These efforts will include incorporating the registry in the department's overall on-line service delivery strategy, contracting with an approved vendor to develop the registry, coordinating access to the registry for releasing agencies, and maintenance and hosting of the registry. The bill provides that all data on the registry is entered and posted by animal pounds, shelters, and home-based animal rescue organizations; however, the department will need to coordinate secure access, provide technical assistance, and manage development and hosting of the portal. The \$125,000 includes salary and fringes of approximately \$84,000, operating expenses of approximately \$16,000, and vendor expenses of approximately \$25,000.

According to the agency, there are 144 identified public pounds and private shelters in the state. This figure does not include rescue organizations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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