

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2242

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

**2. Patron:** Putney

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Animal abuser registration; penalties

**5. Summary:** Requires anyone 18 or older who has been convicted of a felony violation of an animal cruelty law to register with the office of the primary law-enforcement agency in the locality when he is present in Virginia for more than 10 consecutive days and to renew his registration annually for 15 years. The agency is required to collect and forward to the Attorney General the abuser's registration information and to provide certain information to all residences, schools, animal shelters, and businesses within one-half mile of the abuser's location. The bill requires the Attorney General to maintain a publicly accessible registry of the abusers who are required to register.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, funding is needed in Item 59 for system development and maintenance.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$384,000	1.00	GF
2015	\$174,000	1.00	GF
2016	\$174,000	1.00	GF
2017	\$174,000	1.00	GF
2018	\$174,000	1.00	GF
2019	\$174,000	1.00	GF

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would require the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to establish and maintain a publicly available registry of animal abusers. The OAG indicates that the provisions of this bill create a fiscal impact in terms of the cost to develop and maintain an animal abuser registry system.

Preliminary estimates indicate that system development costs would be approximately \$200,000 to \$210,000 and include the cost of application development, sever licenses, user licenses, developer software tools, and other development costs. Ongoing costs of the new animal abuser registry are estimated at approximately \$90,000 and include hardware and software maintenance, database administration, updates, and telecommunication charges.

In addition to the cost of system development and maintenance, the OAG also indicates that one position will be required to assist in the maintenance of the registry and to process notifications. The estimated cost of this position is \$84,000.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** n/a

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 1/22/13