

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB32

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: Stanley

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Animal Cruelty Registry; established.

5. Summary: Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain an Animal Cruelty Registry for public access on the website of the Department of State Police. The Registry shall include the names of persons convicted of certain felony animal cruelty offenses. The bill provides that a person on the Registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that there is no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 413.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Items 7a and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$838,532	2	GF
2016	\$283,332	2	GF
2017	\$283,332	2	GF
2018	\$283,332	2	GF
2019	\$283,332	2	GF
2020	\$283,332	2	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would require the Department of State Police (Department) to establish and maintain a publicly available Animal Cruelty Registry.

According to the Department, the proposed bill creates a fiscal impact in terms of the cost associated to develop and maintain the registry. The establishment of the registry would require additional staff resources needed to set up, operate, and maintain the registry as well as office space associated with the new employees.

The establishment of the registry would require a minimum of 12 months of project work in order to document detailed system requirements, bid out the system specifications, procure the hardware and software, as well as develop, test and implement the system. The preliminary

estimates of the one-time cost associated with development and engineering of the registry would be \$552,000; with an annual ongoing cost of maintaining the registry estimated at \$60,000 to include software maintenance and system upgrades.

In addition, a full-time Technologist (programmer) position (at \$164,439 the first year, and an annual cost of \$162,839 in subsequent years) would be needed in the IT department in order to maintain and support the new registry and perform ongoing maintenance and periodic software and hardware updates. The Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) would need one additional Office Service Specialists (\$62,093 the first year, and \$60,493 in subsequent years) to handle data entry and other functions associated with maintaining the Animal Cruelty Registry.

If an Animal Cruelty Registry is established, as of January 2014, 782 people would need to be listed on the registry. These are individuals who have been convicted under §18.2-144; §18.2-144.1; §3.2-6540; §3.2-6570; §3.2-6571; and §3.2-6540.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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