

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1238

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: Morefield, J.

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Department of General Services; disposition of surplus materials; police animals.

5. Summary: Replaces the term "dog" with "animal" in recognition that law-enforcement officers use not just dogs in their work, and provides that law-enforcement officers may purchase such animals for \$1. The bill also allows the immediate survivor of any full-time sworn law-enforcement officer who (i) is killed in the line of duty or (ii) dies in service and has at least 10 years of service to purchase the service animal at a price of \$1.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact. See Item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: No state fiscal impact is expected. The bill is permissive and allows state entities to sell animals trained for police work for \$1 to the animal's last handler or to the immediate survivor of a full-time sworn law-enforcement officer who (i) is killed in the line of duty or (ii) dies in service and has at least 10 years of service.

According to the Department of General Services, the Code of Virginia currently allows dogs to be sold for the price of \$1 and extending this to all animals is not expected to have a fiscal impact. The Department of State Police and Division of Capitol Police report that they currently allow handlers to purchase trained police dogs for \$1 when dogs are retired and the Division of Capitol Police extends the same opportunity to the family of an officer killed in the line of duty.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of General Services and any department, division, institution, or agency of the Commonwealth with animals trained for police work, including the Department of State Police, Division of Capitol Police, and the Department of Corrections.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Line 40, "agency of institution," should be changed to "agency or institution."

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar, but not identical, to SB 38.

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