

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB476

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

2. Patron: Fariss

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Submission of animal intake policy.

5. Summary: This bill requires animal control officers, humane investigators, and releasing agencies to include a description of their animal intake policy in their annual report to the State Veterinarian regarding animals in their custody.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 90 of HB30.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	0	0	N/A
2017	\$51,000	0	GF
2018	\$6,000	0	GF
2019	\$6,000	0	GF
2020	\$6,000	0	GF
2021	\$6,000	0	GF
2022	\$6,000	0	GF

7b. Revenue Impact: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). The bill requires releasing agencies, animal control officers, humane investigators, and custodians of animal shelters to submit the organization's intake policy with the annual summary of custody records that is mandated to be reported to the State Veterinarian in a format prescribed. Currently, the State Veterinarian requires that the annual summary is submitted via the Animal Custody Record Online Reporting System, and approximately 370 entities submitted their summary information in 2014.

According to VDACS, this bill will require an expansion of the existing Animal Custody Record Online Reporting System to include a new module to collect the intake policy. Based on costs of similar systems, the department anticipates that \$51,000 the first year from the

general fund is necessary for implementation of this new module, and \$6,000 each fiscal year thereafter to maintain and administer this requirement.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.