

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB6

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

**2. Patron:** Stanley

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

**4. Title:** Private animal shelters; reporting euthanasia.

**5. Summary:** This bill requires any private animal shelter that euthanizes animals to submit to the State Veterinarian an annual report listing each animal euthanized, the dates of initial confinement, holding, and euthanasia, the shelter's efforts, if any, to dispose of the animal by nonlethal means, and the basis for the decision to euthanize the animal. The bill also includes technical amendments.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 90 of SB30.

**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	\$192,495	0	General Fund
2018	\$72,495	0	General Fund
2019	\$72,495	0	General Fund
2020	\$72,495	0	General Fund
2021	\$72,495	0	General Fund
2022	\$72,495	0	General Fund

**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). As specified in the bill, all private animal shelters will be required to submit an annual report on each individual animal euthanized in the previous calendar year. VDACS estimates that this will yield annual reports on approximately 14,000 individual animals, based on an average of the past five calendar years. Currently, public and private shelters report on animals served in various categories, including number of animals euthanized. The report is per year per shelter and each year between 350 and 400 records are received. This bill will require private shelters to report new categories of information for each animal. As such, the number of records each year is anticipated to increase from 400 to 14,000.

The increased volume of reports, as well as additional components of information, will require VDACS to expand the existing on-line reporting tool, the Animal Records Summary database, by adding a module to process the reports. Based on costs of similar systems, the agency anticipates that it will cost \$176,000 to develop and \$56,000 annually to maintain the computer systems that would be necessary for private animal shelter reporting of euthanized animals. The department will also require part-time administrative support during the time period immediately prior to, during, and after the submission period to manage stakeholder and public inquiries, assist with database navigation, and follow up with noncompliance. VDACS estimates it will spend \$16,496 annually for part-time administrative support.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.