

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB470

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Raising and processing of rabbits for sale; exemption from certain inspections.

5. Summary: This bill prohibits the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services from requiring that commercially slaughtered or processed rabbits that are offered for sale or service be slaughtered or processed under a voluntary inspection program administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Such rabbits shall still be subject to applicable provisions of Chapter 51 (§ 3.2-5100 et seq.) (Food and Drink) of Title 3.2. The bill also directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations allowing the receipt by restaurants for sale or service of rabbits that are slaughtered or processed in a facility that complies with the relevant VDACS regulations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any costs associated with this bill can be absorbed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Health.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.