

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB571

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

2. Patron: DeSteph

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Releasing agencies; notice of dangerous animal; civil penalty.

5. Summary: This bill provides that any custodian of a releasing agency, animal control officer, law-enforcement officer, or humane investigator, upon taking custody of any dog or cat in the course of his official duties, shall ask and document whether, if known, the dog or cat has bitten a person or other animal and the circumstances and date of such bite. Any custodian of a releasing agency, animal control officer, law-enforcement officer, or humane investigator, upon release of a dog or cat for (i) adoption, (ii) return to a rightful owner, or (iii) transfer to another agency, shall disclose, if known, that the dog or cat has bitten a person or other animal and the circumstances and date of such bite. Violation of the provisions is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The bill provides that violations of the section are punishable by a Class 3 misdemeanor offense. Such offenses carry the possibility of fines. The anticipated revenue is indeterminate as the number of violators cannot be estimated. Any revenue from such fines is deposited to the state Literary Fund.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.