

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1025

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

**2. Patron:** Spruill

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

**4. Title:** Tethering of animals; adequate shelter and space.

**5. Summary:** The bill expands the definition of adequate shelter for animals in conditions of hot and/or cold weather. The bill provides that a tether meets the requirement that an animal be given adequate space if the tether is at least 10feet in length or three times the length of the animal, whichever is greater, and does not, by its material, size, or weight or any other characteristic, cause injury or pain to the animal, does not weigh more than one-tenth of the animal's body weight, and does not have weights or other heavy objects attached to it. The walking of an animal on a leash by its owner shall not constitute the tethering of the animal for the purpose of the definition. The bill exempts agricultural animals from existing provisions related to tethering.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as local animal control officers will be responsible for enforcing the provisions.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.