

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB87

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Dealers; prohibits sale of dogs or cats for experimental purposes.

5. Summary: Prohibits a dealer or commercial dog breeder, or cat breeder from importing for sale, selling, or offering for sale a dog or cat bred by a person who has received certain citations pursuant to the federal Animal Welfare Act. Current law only prohibits such activities related to the sale of dogs. The bill also clarifies that selling includes selling the dog or cat for experimental purposes.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services anticipates a small workload increase which can be absorbed within existing resources.

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2021), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$37.58 per inmate, per day in FY 2020.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB1350 also addresses the sale of dogs or cats for experimental purposes.