

HB62
Department of Planning and Budget
2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB62

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

2. Patron: Campbell

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Animal Cruelty Conviction List; established.

5. Summary: This bill requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain the Animal Cruelty Conviction List by January 1, 2027. The bill specifies that the computerized List include the names of persons convicted of certain felony animal cruelty offenses on or after July 1, 2024, and to make the List available to the public on the website of the Department of State Police. The bill requires persons convicted of any such offense to pay a fee of \$50 per conviction to fund the maintenance of the List. The bill also requires the Department to remove a person's name and information from the List 15 years after its listing if the person has no additional felony conviction of any such offense.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 415.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of State Police (VSP), this legislation would require a total of \$196,360 in one-time costs to develop a computerized database of persons convicted of certain animal cruelty offenses as outlined in the bill in the first year. The estimate cost is made up of two parts. First, this database would require the creation of an interface with the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system to capture the arrest and conviction information for those persons. The CCH is a system that tracks all criminal cases and dispositions and keeps the official record for the criminal data in the Commonwealth. The estimated cost for this interface with the CCH vendor is \$74,360 based on the number of hours required to build the interface. Second, the bill also requires Virginia State Police to establish this list of convicted persons on a website available to the public. This requires a page be added to the Department's website with work completed by the hosting vendor and Department webmaster. The estimated cost for this is \$122,000.

At this time the agency cannot determine the amount of revenue that would be generated from the \$50 fee assessed on offenders for ongoing maintenance cost of the database.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.