

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1330

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

**2. Patron:** Edmunds

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

**4. Title:** Companion animals; duty to identify submitted animal; microchip.

**5. Summary:** Requires veterinarians, public or private animal shelters, and releasing agencies to seek to identify the lawful owners of the unidentified companion animals that are submitted to them by scanning for embedded microchips. The bill provides that such scanning shall be conducted at the time of intake, at the time of assessment, and prior to disposition and that the owner shall be contacted by the most expedient method available if a chip is detected. The bill also requires that documentation of such scanning and any attempts to contact the owner be maintained for at least 30 days from the date of final disposition of the animal.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services does not anticipate incurring a fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None