

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB373

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: Williams Graves

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: County or city public animal shelters; return of animals after expiration of stray hold period.

5. Summary: Authorizes an animal shelter to return a cat to the place from which it was taken after the expiration of the stray hold period. Any such cat shall be vaccinated for rabies, spayed or neutered, and eartipped.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) anticipates that any expenditure this bill may have on the agency can be absorbed within existing resources. All public and private animal shelters are required to submit a summary of their animal inputs and outputs annually through the VDACS-managed online Animal Custody Online Reporting System. This bill will require a change to the database to allow shelters to report the additional potential disposition for cats only. It is estimated that updating that existing system will cost \$5,000.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None