

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB523

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

2. Patron: Convirs-Fowler

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Breeding of dogs and cats for research; reporting.

5. Summary The bill would require that dealers or pet shops report annually to the State Veterinarian the number of deaths or euthanasias of dogs and cats.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has oversight of pet shops that sell dogs and cats and estimates those at approximately 15-20 shops statewide. VDACS anticipates that they would need to develop an internet based system for the annual collection of death and euthanasia data. According to VDACS, this system would be similar to the animal custody record summary system currently in use and would allow the data to be available to the public. VDACS anticipates being able to absorb this work within current agency resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None