Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB903S1 **Patron:** Stanley
Bill Title: Sale and procurement of animals by pet shops; pet shop regulations.

Bill Summary: Requires pet shops to make records of dogs taken into custody. Such records shall be maintained for at least five years, made available for public inspection upon request, and submitted annually to the State Veterinarian. Creates a civil penalty for violations in the section with penalties of up to $1,000 to be remitted to the agency.

Budget Amendment Necessary: See fiscal analysis section. **Items Impacted:** 95

Explanation: This bill involves the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). Language and dollars are included in Item 95 of the Introduced Budget.

Fiscal Summary: Funding for the program is included in the Introduced Budget. It is anticipated that any additional expenditure impact this bill may have on VDACS can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. HB1600/SB800 (the Introduced Budget bill) includes $2,939,430 annually from the general fund for the phased modernization of the agency's general fund supported regulatory programs. Approximately $370,000 of this is anticipated to be spent on upgrading the State Veterinarian's online animal custody reporting system. This system migration would allow pet shops to provide similar records to animal shelters, and VDACS anticipates that such a migration is necessary to implement the provisions of this bill. It is anticipated that VDACS can absorb any additional costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Law (OAG) anticipates that the costs associated with this legislation would be absorbable within current resources. The OAG notes that while an individual bill's impact may be absorbable, if the aggregate number of "absorbable" bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible the agency will require additional resources.

Other: None.