

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2313ER

Patron: Lopez

Bill Title: State Veterinarian; localities; boarding establishments; annual inspections.

Bill Summary: Allows an animal control officer to inspect a grooming or boarding establishment, except for those establishments or facilities regulated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine and with consent of the owner or person in charge, upon receipt of a complaint or by animal control's own motion to ensure compliance with state animal care laws and regulations. Also requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a workgroup of relevant stakeholders to consider whether to propose a state license and other regulatory requirements and submit its report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section below.

Fiscal Summary: No state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. This bill would likely lead to an increase in costs for inspections and the required work group, but it is anticipated that these would be absorbable within current resources. Estimates from VDACS were unavailable as of the time of publication.

Other: None.