Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB707ER **Patron:** Diggs
Bill Title: Devocalization of dogs; penalty.

Bill Summary: Provides that it is unlawful for any person to perform or cause to be performed a surgical devocalization procedure on a dog except when such procedure is necessary to treat or relieve any injury, disease, or congenital defect that is causing or may cause the dog physical pain or harm.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: This bill involves the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and the Department of Health Professions (DHP) but is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact. See Fiscal Analysis section below.

Fiscal Summary: No state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. Neither VDACS nor DHP anticipates any fiscal impact from this legislation.

Other: None.