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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **MODIFICATIONS TO STERILIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CATS & DOGS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill makes changes to sterilization exemptions in the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact on state and local governments.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act (PACFA) prohibits any animal shelter or pet animal rescue from releasing a dog or cat that has not been sterilized by a licensed veterinarian, except in cases when the life or health of the animal is in jeopardy. The bill removes the exemption for the health of the animal.

Current law also exempts facilities with limited access to a licensed veterinarian. The bill removes this exemption for facilities that import unsterilized dogs or cats from outside the state.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

PACFA is enforced by the Department of Agriculture. The changes do not alter the operation of PACFA inspectors, staff, or programming; therefore, it does not have any fiscal impact to state or local government revenue or expenditures.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).