



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0980 Veto overridden on June 15, 2016
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Subject: Veterinarians, Animal Shelters, Homeless Pets, Prescription Drugs
Requestor: Senate
RFA Analyst(s): Stein and Wren
Impact Date: December 2, 2016

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	Undetermined	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. Due to the limited number of responses received, the expenditure impact on local governments cannot be determined at this time. Only two counties responded, indicating no expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill as amended addresses several pet health and safety related issues. The bill requires all animal shelters and emergency veterinary clinics to register with the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and authorizes the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) to inspect all animal shelters and to regulate all privately owned and operated shelters. The bill requires all veterinarian-prescribed medications to be properly labeled and charges the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to regulate the dispensing of prescription medications for pets. The bill establishes procedures for operating a mobile veterinary clinic and provides that a mobile practice may not operate within eyesight of the nearest privately-owned veterinarian practice. The “No More Homeless Pets” special license tag and grant fund statute is amended to provide that the South Carolina Animal Care and Control Association (SDACCA) shall coordinate the grant program, make the request for reimbursement from the Department of Agriculture, and distribute the grants to participating tax exempt organizations. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture to provide an accounting and summary of this program to the Chairman of the House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The bill creates

an eleven-member Pet Care and Humane Treatment Study Committee and prescribes its duties and responsibilities. Members are to serve without compensation. The staff of the House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the staff of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee shall assist the study committee which is to report its findings to the General Assembly during the 2017 legislative session, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The department currently inspects all animal shelters having a veterinarian on staff. The additional medication labeling and registration requirements would be absorbed within the agency's budgeted resources.

Department of Agriculture. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The additional reporting requirement and coordination with SCACCA will be absorbed within the agency's budgeted resources.

Department of Motor Vehicles. The department is not operationally or fiscally impacted by this bill. This bill does not alter the "No More Homeless Pets" license tag program and should have no expenditure impact on the Department of Motor Vehicles.

House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. These committees are not expected to experience an expenditure impact as a result of the committees' staff assisting the study committee.

Impact responses from other agencies were solicited to a substantively similar bill, S. 0687, which are included below:

Judicial Department. The department reports that the bill creates a new criminal offense dealing with pet medication labeling and dispensing. This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. However, county and municipal courts might experience an impact should this bill result in an increase in the number of court cases.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of South Carolina and twenty-three county governments regarding the expenditure impact of related bill S. 0687. Responses from Cherokee and Clarendon Counties indicate that this bill would have no

expenditure impact on their jurisdictions. Due to the limited number of responses received, the expenditure impact on local governments cannot be determined at this time.

Local Revenue

N/A



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