



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

PRINTERS NO. 2203

PRIME SPONSOR: Farry

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	\$0	\$0

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 1216, Printer's Number 2203 amends Title 42 (Judicial and Judicial Procedure) further providing for civil immunities when rescuing a dog or cat from a motor vehicle.

### ANALYSIS:

HB 1216 amends the Judicial Code providing that any law enforcement officer, humane society police officer, animal control officer or emergency responder who enters an unattended vehicle in order to rescue a dog or cat will not be liable for any damage caused by the rescue of the dog or cat, provided that the person has reasonable belief that the dog or cat is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not removed; reasonable effort was made to locate owner; takes reasonable steps to locate the driver of the motor vehicle; uses no more force then necessary and leaves a note on the vehicle stating the name, location and whereabouts of the dog or cat retrieved.

A person will not be immune from civil liability for any damage resulting from the entry of a motor vehicle if the person's actions constitute gross negligence, recklessness or willful or wanton misconduct.

This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*