



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2630

PRINTERS NO. 4143

PRIME SPONSOR: Maher

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 2630, Printer's Number 4143, regulating animal euthanasia, imposing penalties and making a related appeal. This legislation would take effect in 90 days.

ANALYSIS: The bill repeals the existing Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law (Act 83 of 1983) and establishes the Animal Euthanasia Method Act. It prohibits certain methods of destruction of animals and establishes that the required method of animal destruction be by the use of a drug that is: approved by the Food and Drug Administration for animal euthanasia; used as directed under the veterinary prescription legend to result in a humane and painless death; and administered by a veterinarian, certified veterinary technician, or other individual under the supervision of a veterinarian.

This legislation does not apply to certain activities including those undertaken in normal agricultural operations; medical schools, veterinary schools and research facilities; and the use of firearms for destroying a pet animal. However, this subsection does not apply to dogs in commercial kennels as defined in the Dog Law (Act 225 of 1982). Feral animals or animals deemed to be dangerous are excluded from the bill, but it does not apply to any cat or dog.

Any violations of the prohibited means of animal destruction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 per violation per day. A person or organization that commits a second or subsequent violation shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation day.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: October 2, 2012

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