



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1516

PRINTERS NO. 3869

PRIME SPONSOR: Farry

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 1516 amends the Crimes Code concerning cruelty to animals. It would take effect in 60 days.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1516 amends the Crimes Code section on cruelty to animals by adding provisions concerning leaving an animal in an unattended vehicle. It stipulates that a person owes a duty of care to any cat or dog left confined in an unattended vehicle. The language also provides immunity for any property damage resulting from a rescue conducted by a police officer, humane society police officer, or firefighter. This immunity is conditioned upon the rescuer following a proscribed protocol both before and after the rescue as set forth in the bill.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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**DATE:** October 18, 2016

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