



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1210

PRINTER'S NO. 1283

PRIME SPONSOR: Sappey

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Provides the courts the authority to grant ownership of companion animals and to order a defendant to refrain from abusing a companion animal in Protection from Abuse proceedings.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1210 Printer's Number 1283 amends Title 23 Section 6108 to provide the courts with the authority to grant temporary ownership rights over a companion animal. The court may also direct the defendant to refrain from possessing, contacting, transferring, or relocating the companion animal or contacting or entering the property of any person sheltering the companion animal.

The legislation further permits the courts to issue a final agreement that may direct the defendant to refrain from abusing, harassing, stalking, threatening, or attempting or threatening to use physical force against the companion animal.

A companion animal is defined as an animal not used in commercial, agricultural, or production which is owned, kept, leased, possessed, or held by the petitioner, respondent, or a minor child of either.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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DATE: July 5, 2023

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