

**LOCAL  
FISCAL IMPACT**


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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Balmer **Bill Status:** Senate Health and Human Services  
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**SHORT TITLE:** PREVETERINARY EMERGENCY CARE FOR DOGS AND CATS

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill permits emergency medical service providers responding to the scene of an emergency to voluntarily deliver preveterinary care to domesticated dogs and cats, at the discretion of their employer. Preveterinary emergency care is defined as care to stabilize a domesticated dog or cat until the animal can obtain veterinary care. Employers who allow employees to administer preveterinary care must provide sufficient training and guidelines. The bill does not impose any legal obligation on emergency medical service providers to administer preveterinary care.

**Local Government Impact**

Local governments who employ emergency medical service providers may experience increased workload or expenditures if they choose to allow employees to provide preveterinary emergency care. In such instances, local government costs may increase to provide adequate training to employees and enact clear guidelines concerning the circumstances in which emergency care can be provided to animals. On the other hand, local governments that currently provide preveterinary emergency care to domesticated dogs and cats will likely have minimal new costs associated with the bill.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Public Health and Environment  
Special Districts  
Higher Education

Counties  
Corrections  
Regulatory Agencies

Municipalities  
Human Services