

**LOCAL  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. McLachlan

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**Bill Status:** House Agriculture  
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**SHORT TITLE:** PET ANIMAL LICENSE RABIES VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

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

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, if a board of county commissioners adopts a resolution for the control and licensing of dogs and other pet animals, the county may only issue a dog permit or license if the owner of the dog provides a valid rabies vaccination certificate. This bill clarifies that the rabies vaccination requirement for licensing also applies to cats and ferrets.

**Local Government Impact**

Local governments that currently license cats and ferrets, but do not require proof of rabies immunization may experience a minimal workload increase to modify licensing processes.

The bill is not likely to impact the revenue of local governments because it provides clarification that cats and ferrets are to be vaccinated for rabies before receiving a license. The bill does not require that cats and ferrets be licensed, and therefore, does not change the number of animals being licensed or the counties choosing to license pet animals.

**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**

Counties

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