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HB16-1120

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Ginal
Sen. Tate

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Human Services
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BILL TOPIC: RABIES VACCINATIONS FOR DOGS & CATS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2015-16 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload increase.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires that all dogs and cats four months of age and older be vaccinated against rabies. The vaccine is to be administered by a licensed veterinarian according to national standards. The veterinarian will issue a vaccination certificate, tag, and a means for attaching the tag to the animal's collar. A pet owner is required to have an animal vaccinated no later than 90 days after acquiring the animal or 90 days after the animal turns four months of age. The State Board of Health or a local health department can set more stringent requirements. The owner or lessee of agricultural land is not required by the bill to vaccinate feral cats located on the property, but may be required to do so by a county or municipality.

State Expenditures

This bill will result in a minimal increase in workload for the Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Department of Natural Resources beginning in FY 2015-16.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. This bill will cause a minimal increase in workload for the Division of Professions and Occupations, which licenses veterinarians. The division will have an increase in workload to update its rules and conduct outreach to veterinarians to make them aware of the new requirement. This workload impact will occur in FY 2015-16 due to the bill's effective date and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Department of Natural Resources. Because the bill expands vaccination requirements statewide, Colorado Parks and Wildlife may have a minimal increase in workload to capture and impound a greater number of unvaccinated animals that are found running at large. This workload increase can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

Local governments that update their ordinances and regulations to reflect the change in statewide policy will have an increase in workload. Local law enforcement is also tasked with cooperating with and aiding the health department or health officer in handling animals suspected of or found to be affected by rabies. These workload increases are not expected to be significant.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture
Natural Resources
Public Health and Environment

Counties
Office of Information Technology
Regulatory Agencies