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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR DOG & CAT PURCHASERS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [X] State Revenue [X] State Expenditure [] State Transfer [] TABOR Refund [] Local Government [] Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires pet stores that are licensed to sell cats or dogs to provide specific information about the animals and their breeders to consumers. This will increase workload on an ongoing basis and may increase state revenue.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires pet stores that are licensed to sell cats or dogs to:

- include the purchase price and breeder license numbers for the dog or cat in all advertising;
post on the enclosure of the dog or cat, the animal's purchase price and detailed information on its breeder; and
provide a disclosure to a prospective customer including the purchase price, financing information, breeder license numbers, and all violations of federal or state law received by the breeder, broker, or transporter of the dog or cat in the previous two years.

A local government can enact laws more stringent than this bill including prohibiting the sale of cats or dogs.

State Revenue

This bill may result in an increase in revenue to the General Fund. If a pet store violates the provisions of the bill, it will be subject to a penalty or cease and desist order by the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) program. Penalties collected are subject to TABOR. The fiscal note assumes that pet stores will comply with the law and that any increase in General Fund revenue will be minimal.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally increase the workload of the PACFA Program in the Department of Agriculture. PACFA staff will confirm that the provisions of the bill are being met when conducting inspections of pet stores. PACFA staff will take action if necessary to enforce violations of the bill. This workload increase can be accomplished with existing appropriations.

TABOR refunds. The bill is may increase the amount of state revenue required to be refunded to taxpayers by a minimal amount. TABOR refunds are paid from the General Fund. This estimate is based on the June 2021 LCS revenue forecast, which incorporates the revenue impacts of bills passed during the 2021 session. A forecast of state revenue subject to TABOR is not available beyond FY 2022-23.

Federal ARPA funds. This bill may increase state revenue, which may impact the state's flexibility in spending federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. For more information, see the LCS memo, titled "Legislative Changes and Flexibility in Use of American Rescue Plan Funds," available online at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/node/2211881>.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 10, 2021, and it took effect on September 7, 2021.

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