



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

SLR: 002 (S.4278/A.6158-A)

COMMITTEE: State and Federal Legislation

Title: AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a New York city animal population control program and an animal population control fund; and to amend chapter 115 of the laws of 1894 relating to the better protection of lost and strayed animals and for securing the rights of owners thereof, in relation to licensing fees.

SPONSOR: Council Member Foster

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would require the establishment of an animal population control program that would reduce the significant cost to the city of sheltering and finding homes for or euthanizing these animals by reducing the population of unwanted stray dogs and cats, as well as the establishment of an animal population control fund to pay for such a program. The bill will also authorize to add three dollars or any greater amount as determined by the city council, to the fee charged to any person applying for a dog license who is the owner of a dog four months of age or older which has not been spayed or neutered. All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be forwarded to the comptroller for deposit in the animal population control fund established by this chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act shall take effect upon enactment.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2011

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

| | Effective FY10 | FY Succeeding Effective FY11 | Full Fiscal Impact FY11 |
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| Revenues (+) | \$0 | \$108,807 | \$108,807 |
| Expenditures (-) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net | \$0 | \$108,807 | \$108,807 |

IMPACT ON REVENUES: The bill would establish a separate NYC Animal Population Control Fund which would utilize the accrued funding (\$3 from every unaltered dog license fee), as well as the additional \$3 or more added to the current fee hereafter. According to estimates prepared by DOHMH, the annual revenue to the fund would be approximately \$108,807, as well as any additional funding incurred as a result of the increase in fee.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no impact on expenditures.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: The Fund will utilize the accrued funding, as well as future fees collected from unaltered dog license fees. It would be supplemented by an addition of \$3 or more to the current fee charged for unaltered dog licenses (currently at \$35).

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: The New York City Council Finance Division
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