

HCS HB 1934 & 1654 -- ANIMAL SHELTER FEES (Torpey)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Ways and Means

This substitute exempts, effective January 1, 2014, an animal shelter from the payment of any licensing and other fees under the provisions of the Animal Care Facilities Act and reduces the maximum amount a commercial breeder can be charged for a license from \$2,500 to \$1,000 per year. The Director of the Department of Agriculture, upon promulgation of rules, may exempt an animal shelter from the payment of the fees prior to that date.

The department director may deny any applicant of an animal shelter license or revoke the license of an animal shelter licensee if he or she determines that the applicant or licensee unreasonably profits from the charges for adoption or sales of the shelter's animals.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds of an income of \$0 in FY 2013, a cost of \$84,000 in FY 2014, and a cost of \$84,000 in FY 2015.