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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Donovan Rep. Garnett	Bill Status:	Senate Business
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Bill Topic: DOGS ON RESTAURANT PATIOS

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
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The bill allows restaurants to permit pet dogs in outdoor dining areas if certain conditions are met. Local jurisdictions may prohibit this practice. The bill may increase local government workload beginning in FY 2020-21.

**Appropriation
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note
Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates exceptions to the Food Protection Act that would allow restaurants to permit pet dogs in outdoor dining areas, if certain conditions are met including:

- a separate entrance is available so that the pet dog does not pass through the interior of the restaurant;
- the pet dog is not permitted on chairs, benches, seats, or other furniture;
- the outdoor dining area is not used for food or drink preparations;
- the pet dog is under the control of a person, either on a leash or in a pet carrier;
- the licensee of the restaurant ensures compliance with local ordinances related to sidewalks, public nuisances, and sanitation; and
- the restaurant is in compliance with any other control measures approved by the county or district public health agency.

Local governments may prohibit allowing pet dogs in outdoor dining areas in their jurisdiction.

Local Government

The bill may increase workload for local governments on an ongoing basis. Local governments that elect to prohibit dogs from restaurant patios may have additional enforcement work to ensure compliance with the bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology
Municipalities	Public Health and Environment