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FISCAL NOTE**

(replaces fiscal note dated February 3, 2020)

Drafting Number: LLS 20-0741
Prime Sponsors: Sen. Cooke
Rep. Roberts

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Bill Status: Senate Appropriations
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Bill Topic: **POWERS OF BUREAU OF ANIMAL PROTECTION AGENTS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill gives additional powers and duties to Bureau of Animal Protection agents in the Department of Agriculture. The bill increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2020-21 and may reduce local government expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires an appropriation of \$13,218 to the Department of Agriculture.

Fiscal Note Status: The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate Local Government Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 20-104**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$13,218	\$2,312
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Bureau of Animal Protection in the Department of Agriculture (CDA) assists local law enforcement in animal cruelty and neglect cases. The bill allows Bureau of Animal Protection agents to conduct investigations. In addition, the bill allows agents to take possession of and impound an animal that an agent has probable cause to believe is a victim of animal cruelty.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the Department of Agriculture by \$13,218 in FY 2020-21 and \$2,312 in FY 2021-22 and future years for a contractor to develop a new training course and examination, as well as provide two full days of training on the new duties.

Local Government

To the extent that additional duties and powers allow Bureau of Animal Protection agents to provide added support to local law enforcement, the bill may reduce workload for local law enforcement. These impacts will vary and have not been estimated.

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 Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$13,218 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture.

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