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sHB-5575

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REVISE MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER REGULATIONS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

The bill may result in significant costs to some municipalities beginning in FY 24 as it requires municipal or regional dog pounds to have mechanical heating and cooling systems that can maintain an indoor temperature of between 55- and 80-degrees Fahrenheit. It also prescribes certain conditions for these dog pounds; for example, certain dogs and cats cannot share the same primary enclosure, under certain conditions.

The municipalities with shelters that comply with the bill's requirements will have no fiscal impact. Those that will need to adjust temperature or space configuration will have potentially significant costs. Each municipality is required to have a dog pound either independently or with others.

It should be noted that there are multiple towns that share pounds with their neighbors but are not considered regions.

## ***The Out Years***

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The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.