151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 185**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Walsh**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PET FOOD MANUFACTURING FEES.**

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:

This Act specifically defines pet food and requires the Department of Agriculture to collect registration fees for pet foods.

Affected Entities:

The affected entities of this Act are the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Animal Welfare, and commercial and pet food suppliers.

Fiscal Impact:

This Act requires the Department of Agriculture to collect registration fees annually for pet foods on the following schedule.

1) $50 per each product of each brand in year 1.
2) $75 per each product of each brand in year 2.
3) $100 per each product of each brand in year 3.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that out of 319 companies registered, 8,674 products would be categorized as pet food.

Using these estimates, approximately $433,700 will be collected in the first year, $650,550 will be collected in the second year, and $867,400 will be collected in the third year upon implementation of this Act.

Intended Use of Revenue:

Currently, commercial feed and pet food brands pay a registration fee of $23, which is deposited to the General Fund. The registration fees collected upon implementation of this Act will require that $25 from each fee be deposited to the State's General Fund. The Department of Agriculture will also receive distribution of these funds for costs of development and maintenance of a new software module to implement the provisions of this Act. Lastly, the remaining revenues will be distributed to the Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Animal Welfare to support the Spay/Neuter Fund.

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