

An overview of the five states using the pet food registration fee

If you look at the five states using the Pet Food Fee Registration, you notice that they are small to medium states in population. Most states have some sort of licensing for pet food. Indiana, Kentucky, and Texas – are located within the states’ university system. In California, pet foods are regulated by the California Department of Health. When looking at the money generated in the five states, it is usually no more than a million dollars annually since there are no more than 10,000 to 12,000 brands of pet food in America regardless of the state or the population.

Pet food in the United States in 2024 was a \$66 Billion dollar business. Estimates in WV are upwards of \$350 million in pet food sales in 2024.

States in order of acquiring Pet Food Fee as fund for spay/neuter

Maine 2008 – 100,000 Pet food Pop 1.4 million \$80 fee on Pet food and they get \$64 of that to the state Animal Welfare Fund which also does animal cruelty?

Year (fiscal)	Pet Food Fee	License Plate	Tax Check-off	Co-Pay for Spay/Neuter	Donation	Pet Store Fee *	Total
2009	100,000		22,000				
2010	100,000	25,000	20,000				242,000
2011	100,000	42,000	17,000				245,000
2012	100,000	54,000	16,000	25,000		28,000	249,000
2018	150,060	98,910	26,662	18,125			293,697
Unable to track all past activity 'Help Fix Me' is state program started in mid 2000's							

2021 \$468,912 3865 altered

Maryland 2013 Pop. 6.3 million - ext to 2032

- (i) From October 1, 2013, Through September 30, 2014, Inclusive, \$50;
- (ii) From October 1, 2014, Through September 30, 2015, Inclusive, \$75; And
- (iii) After September 30, 2015, \$100.

Maryland Outcome got their extension in 2022 to 2032

8 years, \$6,119,839.59 altered 85,000

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West Virginia 2017 Pop. Of 1.7 Million

Pet food large package over 10 pounds \$50 fee 2025 / 2,330 brands = \$116,500

Pet food small package of 10 pounds or under \$35 fee 2025 / 10,581 brands = \$370,335

\$4,201,862 in 7 years / 85,000 altered (WV Outcome 2025 bill removed sunset of 2027)

Donor money into the WV Dept of Ag for 2023 and 2024 of \$900,000 added here.

New Mexico 2020 Pop. 2.1 million NM program not yet implemented since the PFI mired them in legal issues for last few years. (See article for more info on FOHO WV

webpage)

(1) Beginning January 1, 2021, fifty dollars (\$50.00)

(2) Beginning January 1, 2022, seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)

(3) Beginning January 1, 2023, one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

Delaware – 2021 Pop. of 1 million

Has a rabies surcharge of \$3.00 to spay/neuter \$275,000 yearly since 2008

1) \$50 per each product of each brand in year 1. \$433,700

2) \$75 per each product of each brand in year 2. \$650,550

3) \$100 per each product of each brand in year 3. \$867,400

319 companies registered, 8,674 (brands) Estimates offered above based on brands