

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 607** HLS 22RS 598

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Penalties for cruelty to animals	

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Provides relative to penalties for the crime of simple cruelty to animals

Current law provides that a person convicted of a first offense of cruelty to animals shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both.

Proposed legislation changes the penalties for a first conviction of cruelty to animals. Fines shall be not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000; imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both. Offenders may also be required to pay restitution for medical treatment of the animal.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no direct material effect on the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C) expenditures as a result of the proposed legislation. The proposed changes to the penalties only affect those individuals convicted of a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to DPS&C.

To the extent the average imprisonment time previously imposed was less than the minimum level proposed in this legislation, local law enforcement agencies will realize an indeterminable increase in expenditures associated with prison costs. Proposed legislation brings the lower time limit for imprisonment from 0 days to not less than 30 days, and maintains the maximum time of imprisonment at 6 months. The cost increase will depend on the number of persons convicted, the minimum sentence an offender serves, and the cost per day for a local law enforcement agency to incarcerate an offender.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

To the extent the average amount of fines levied previously was less than the minimum amount proposed in this legislation, there will be an indeterminable increase in local funds revenue as a result of potential fines if a person is convicted of a first offense cruelty to animals. Proposed legislation brings the lower limit of the fines from \$0 to \$300, with a maximum fine of \$1,000. Potential revenue will accrue to the local government entities.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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