

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-2990/1	Introduction Number	SB-286	Estimate Type	Original
Description Liability for damages caused by dogs, court orders to kill a dog, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill modifies the current provision for the payment of damages to only be applicable in cases where a dog bites a person with sufficient force to break the skin and cause permanent physical scarring or disfigurement, and the owner or keeper knew that the dog had previously, without provocation, bitten a person with sufficient force to break the skin and cause permanent physical scarring or disfigurement.

The bill also increases the maximum fine that can be assessed on the owner or keeper if their dog injures or causes injury to a person, domestic animal, property, deer, game bird or the nests or eggs of game birds. The bill also increases the fine of the owner or keeper of the dog that knew the dog had previously caused such an injury.

The bill would allow for any person to seek a court order to have a dog killed.

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications