

### Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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  Supplemental

<b>LRB Number</b> <b>03-2099/2</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-423</b>
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**Subject**  
 Liability for damages caused by dogs

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
 Increase Existing Appropriations     
  Increase Existing Revenues     
  Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
 Decrease Existing Appropriations     
  Decrease Existing Revenues     
   
  Yes    
  No  
 Create New Appropriations     
  Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DATCP 7/7/2003**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Bill Summary:

This bill modifies the current provision for the payment of double 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. This would delete the provision for double damages if a dog injures a domestic animal or damages property. The bill also increases the maximum fine that can be assessed on the owner 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 would allow for any person to seek a court order to have a dog killed.

Fiscal Impact:

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**