



Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	03-3114/1	Introduction Number	SB-229	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Subject</b>					
Liability for damages caused by dogs					

**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**