



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**CTS 2/14/2006**

LRB Number <b>05-2609/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>SB-181</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Harassment of, causing injury to, or theft of a service dog		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill creates new crimes involving dogs that are trained for the purpose of assisting persons with sensory, mental, or physical disabilities or accommodating such disabilities (service dogs).

Violation of the bill's provisions may result in either misdemeanor or felony charges, depending on the violator's intent and the seriousness of the injury to the service dog.

It is unknown how many cases will be subject to the terms of this bill. Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. Felony proceedings generally require additional court appearances and more court hearings than misdemeanors. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the additional costs is impossible with the data available, but it is likely to have a minor impact on the overall workload of the circuit courts.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**