

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 13-2355/1	Introduction Number AB-0223	Estimate Type Original
Description Possession of dogs by certain felony offenders and providing a penalty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits, for a specified period, certain felony offenders from possessing, controlling, or residing with a vicious dog, as determined by a humane officer or law enforcement officer using criteria specified in the bill.

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is required to certify and provide training to humane officers to ensure they are at least minimally qualified to perform the duties of a humane officer. The provisions under 2013 Assembly Bill 223 may require the department to modify the training program to inform humane officers of the new written order requirements relating to felons owning or living with a vicious dog and their right to a hearing under ch. 68, Wis. Stats. Because the department is authorized to charge a fee sufficient to recover the costs of training courses it provides, the bill will have no fiscal effect on the department.

The costs to a city, village, town or county are indeterminate depending on the enforcement actions taken by the jurisdiction to implement the provisions under the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications