

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB572** by Harris (Relating to the euthanasia of an animal by an animal shelter; providing criminal penalties.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill relates to the euthanasia of animals by animal shelters and provides criminal penalties. The bill would require the Board of Health to establish rules and standards for the administration of sodium pentobarbital and standards for carbon monoxide chambers used to euthanize animals in the custody of animal shelters. The bill would require the Department of Health (TDH) to approve the sponsors and training course curriculum for euthanasia technicians. TDH assumes the agency would implement the provisions of the bill within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

TDH indicates that local governments may incur costs to meet requirements for the use of sodium pentobarbital, the maintenance of carbon monoxide chambers, and to train personnel.

**Source Agencies:** 501 Department Of Health

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