

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 28, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB326** by Goodman (Relating to the offense of cruelty to animals.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code to clarify the instances in which a person would be charged with the offense of cruelty to animals. The bill would also change the definition of "animal" and offer an additional defense to prosecution for an offense. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2005 and apply only to an offense committed occurring on or after that date.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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