

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

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

**IN RE: HB1808** by McReynolds (Relating to authorizing the use of approved nonsurgical methods to sterilize dogs and cats. ), **Committee Report 1st House, As Amended**

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

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to allow a veterinarian to use non-surgical methods and technologies as labeled and approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or the U.S. Department of Agriculture for use by veterinarians to humanely and permanently render a dog or cat unable to reproduce. The bill would require the Board of Veterinarian Medical Examiners (BVME) to develop information sheets regarding the surgical or non-surgical sterilization and adopt rules by January 1, 2006, requiring an animal that has been sterilized to receive an identification marker in a manner authorized by the BVME.

Based on the analysis of the BVME, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities necessary to implement the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. If the bill does not receive a two-thirds majority vote in each house, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 554 Animal Health Commission, 578 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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