

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 18, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB435** by Lucio III (Relating to the penalty for theft of a pet.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code to make theft of a pet punishable as a state jail felony. Theft is currently punishable at all offense levels depending upon the type and value of property stolen. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. It is assumed that the bill would not significantly affect the operations of state or local government.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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