

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

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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

**IN RE: HB853** by Laubenberg (Relating to inclusion of pets and other companion animals in protective orders; providing a penalty.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Family Code and the Penal Code relating to inclusion of pets and other companion animals in protective orders and would provide a penalty. To the extent the bill would expand the purposes for which a court could issue a protective order, no increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. The bill would allow a court to issue a protective order prohibiting a party from removing a pet, companion animal, or assistance animal from the possession of a person named in the order.

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