

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

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

**March 12, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: HB1320** by Christian (Relating to the creation of offenses relating to cockfighting and to the forfeiture of cockfighting equipment.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Penal Code by creating the offense of cockfighting. The offense would be punishable as a state jail felony, a Class A misdemeanor, or a Class C misdemeanor depending on provisions specified by the bill. The bill would also amend the Code of Criminal Procedure by specifying the destruction or forfeiture of cockfighting equipment following the final conviction of a person for the offense of cockfighting. It is estimated that implementation of the bill would not have a significant impact on the costs 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

**LBB Staff:** JOB, ESi, GG