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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: HB1982 by Martinez Fischer (Relating to the regulation of dangerous and vicious dogs; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to the regulation of dangerous and vicious dogs. The bill would enhance the penalty from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree if the victim of the dog attack is a person younger than 15 years of age, or is a person 65 years of age or older. The bill also clarifies the definition of a dangerous or vicious dog and clarifies ownership responsibilities for persons owning dangerous or vicious dogs.

It is assumed that the number of persons convicted under this proposal and the requirements of the proposal would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state agencies. Accordingly, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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