

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Joe Deshotel, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

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

**IN RE: HB3487** by Taylor, Van (Relating to regulations concerning certain service animals; providing a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code and prohibits a commercial lodging establishment or restaurant from charging a fee or security deposit for a service canine who accompanies certain specified canine handlers to the establishment or restaurant under two conditions. The conditions which must be present are: a disaster declaration has been issued or the dogs are present due to a mutual aid request or training exercise. It is anticipated that any additional costs associated with implementation of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill also provides that the owner or operator of a commercial lodging establishment or restaurant that violates provisions of the bill commits a Class C misdemeanor offense. The number of potential violations and the amount of court costs are unknown. Therefore, there could be an indeterminate revenue increase to the state.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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