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TO: Honorable Patricia Harless, Chair, House Committee On Environmental Regulation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB858 by Lucio III (Relating to methods used by an animal shelter to euthanize a dog or cat.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 821 of the Health and Safety Code, as it relates to methods used by an animal shelter to euthanize a dog or cat. The bill would require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to adopt a rule pertaining to the use of carbon monoxide on animals in animal shelters. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house. Otherwise, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

City and county animal control facilities that euthanize animals by use of both commercially compressed carbon monoxide and sodium pentobarbital will now need to rely solely on the use of sodium pentobarbital for this process. However, this is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact on local governments.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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