

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 16, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2981** by Rodriguez, Eddie (Relating to the procedures and duties of animal shelters and rescue organizations; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 823 of the Health and Safety Code relating to the procedures and duties of animal shelters and rescue organizations, and providing penalties. The bill would allow a governmental animal sheltering agency to transfer animals immediately after impound, pending certain criteria, to a rescue organization or a private animal sheltering organization. The bill provides guidelines for when an animal may be euthanized. Based on the analysis provided by the Department of State Health Services, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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