

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

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

**March 18, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee On Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: SB360** by Watson (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. The bill takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, otherwise the bill would take 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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