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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB188 by Uresti (Relating to civil liability for removing certain individuals or animals from a motor vehicle and criminal liability for removing certain animals from a motor vehicle.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code and Penal Code removing civil and criminal penalties if a person removes a vulnerable individual or a domestic animal from a motor vehicle when certain conditions are met. The person entering the vehicle must: determine the motor vehicle is locked, that there is no reasonable exit for the individual or animal to exit without assistance, has on good faith that entry is necessary to avoid harm to the individual or animal, before or after entry into the vehicle law enforcement or animal control is notified or 9-1-1 called, no more force is used than necessary, and remain with the individual or domestic animal until law enforcement or first responder arrives.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 212 Office of Court Administration,
Texas Judicial Council

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