

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1090 by Lucio (Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog; creating an offense.), As Engrossed

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code regulating the unlawful restraint of a dog and creating an offense. A first time offense is a Class C misdemeanor. A previous conviction for unlawful restrain of a dog elevates the offense to Class B misdemeanor.

The bill would repeal Subchapter D, Chapter 821 of the Health and Safety Code relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

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

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

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