

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 22, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

**IN RE:** SB1232 by Huffman (Relating to inappropriate conduct between a person and an animal; creating a criminal offense.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Health and Safety Code, as they relate to inappropriate conduct between a person and an animal, and the prosecution of offenses involving cruelty to animals. Under the provisions of the bill, inappropriate conduct between a person and an animal would be punishable by a state jail or a second degree felony depending upon the specific circumstances of the offense. The bill would also reduce the number of previous convictions necessary for penalty enhancement for certain acts of animal cruelty.

The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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