

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB598** by Shaheen (Relating to creating the criminal offense of possession of an animal by a person who has been previously convicted of an offense involving animal cruelty.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

This bill would create the offense of possession or living with an animal by a person who has been previously convicted of certain offenses related to animal cruelty. The offense would be a Class C misdemeanor for first-time offenders and a Class B misdemeanor for repeat offenders. It is assumed that any fiscal impact and any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

It is assumed that any fiscal impact to units of local government associated with enforcement, prosecution, supervision, or confinement would not be significant.

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