

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

**IN RE: HB3660** by Vasut (Relating to a defense to prosecution for the offense of cruelty to nonlivestock animals under certain circumstances.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would add as a defense to prosecution for abandoning a nonlivestock animal that the actor released or returned a stray or feral animal which was not a wild living creature pursuant to a Trap-Neuter-Return Program or released or returned a previously trapped wild living creature in accordance with Texas wildlife laws and regulations. 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.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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