

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2478 - HB 2691

March 5, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local law enforcement agencies to be notified of the intended entry and circumstances justifying such action prior to a person entering a confined area in which an animal has been without food for at least 12 consecutive hours.

Requires probable cause that a criminal offense has occurred for a state or local employee to enter private property or animal facility.

Prior to an arrest for cruelty to non-livestock animals, an officer, member or agent of a society incorporated to prevent cruelty to animals must notify appropriate law enforcement of the intent to make an arrest or interfere to prevent an act of cruelty and the circumstances justifying the action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation is not creating any new criminal offenses.
- It is assumed notification to law enforcement prior to actions taken by individuals preventing animal cruelty will not significantly change the total number of animal cruelty offenses prosecuted within the state.
- Local law enforcement agencies will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to receive and act on possible animal cruelty offenses.
- Any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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