



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

PRINTERS NO. 111 **PRIME SPONSOR:** J. Evans

FUND: General

COST / (SAVINGS)

FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 165 amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) regarding cruelty to animals.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation would make it a second degree misdemeanor to own a dog who kills, maims, or disfigures a service dog. The owner would also have to have known beforehand that his or her dog has a propensity to other animals without provocation. The punishment established is a fine of not more than \$5,000 and a requirement the owner make reparations for veterinary costs in treating the service dog, and, if necessary, pay the costs to replace the service dog.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The punishment established does not involve any prison time at either the county or state level.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: March 8, 2011

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.