

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 09-0339  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. McCann

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**Bill Status:** House Agriculture  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS UNDER THE "PET ANIMAL CARE AND FACILITIES ACT".

| <b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>   | <b>FY 2009-2010</b> | <b>FY 2010-2011</b> |
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| <b>State Revenue</b>   |                     |                     |
| Cash Funds   |                     |                     |
| Pet Animal Care and Facility Fund  | (\$1,500)           | (\$1,500)           |
| <b>State Expenditures</b>  |                     |                     |
| <b>FTE Position Change</b>   |                     |                     |
| <b>Effective Date:</b> January 1, 2011, unless a referendum petition is filed. |                     |                     |
| <b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2009-2010:</b> None.                           |                     |                     |
| <b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.  |                     |                     |

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill amends the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act with the following provisions:

- ▶ limits a dog breeder to 25 unsterilized dogs over 6 months of age on a licensed premises;
- ▶ requires a dog breeder to have a dog certified by a veterinarian annually before being bred;
- ▶ authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture unimpeded access to a licensee's property and records; and
- ▶ makes the denial or revocation of a license mandatory if the applicant or licensee has been convicted of cruelty to animals.

**State Revenue**

The bill is expected to decrease cash funds revenue by \$1,500 in FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 to the Pet Animal Care and Facility Fund in the Department of Agriculture. The department licenses 231 small and large capacity breeders. Of these, approximately 115 are assumed to have 25 unsterilized dogs over 6 months of age on the premises at some point during the license year. The department expects that limiting the number of unsterilized dogs over 6 months of age to 25 will result in the closure of 6 dog breeding facilities with annual license fees of \$250 each.

**State Expenditures**

Under HB09-1172, the department is required to adopt new rules and record keeping requirements. The additional time required is expected to be minimal and to be completed within existing appropriations.

**Departments Contacted**

Agriculture