

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 08-0173  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Stafford  
 Sen. Johnson

**Date:** July 2, 2008  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING TREATMENT THAT MAY RESULT IN HARM TO CERTAIN ANIMALS.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2008-2009</b>	<b>FY 2009-2010</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was signed by the Governor and became law on May 29, 2008.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2008-2009:</b> None required		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill allows a veterinarian to issue a written waiver, with the consent of a pet owner, exempting an animal from a rabies vaccination if the veterinarian certifies that inoculation is contraindicated. The bill requires licensing authorities to accept such certification from a veterinarian in lieu of evidence of vaccination for the purpose of issuing a license for an animal. Finally, the bill prohibits state and local public health entities from requiring that dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated more often than recommended in guidelines created by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians.

**State Expenditures**

**Department of Public Health and Environment.** This bill makes changes to statutes that address the vaccination of pets. There could be a slight impact to the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). More unvaccinated pets could result in more cases of rabies, which would require effort by CDPHE to manage the situation in terms of medical outreach and information to healthcare workers, local animal control agencies, and the public. It is assumed that any increased workload will be absorbed using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

Local health and animal control agencies will also likely see an increased workload due to higher numbers of rabies cases resulting from unvaccinated animals.

**State Appropriations**

No new state appropriations are required for FY 2008-09.

**Departments Contacted**

Public Health and Environment