

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**

(replaces fiscal note dated February 12, 2008)

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

Date: March 21, 2008
Bill Status: House Appropriations
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TITLE: CONCERNING TREATMENT THAT MAY RESULT IN HARM TO CERTAIN ANIMALS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Effective Date: Upon the signature of the Governor, or upon the bill becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2008-2009: None required		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section		

This fiscal note has been revised to reflect changes made to the bill by the House Judiciary Committee on March 12, 2008.

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *as amended by the House Judiciary Committee*, 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 amended 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.

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