

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Balmer	Bill Status: Signed into Law
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SHORT TITLE: PREVETERINARY EMERGENCY CARE FOR DOGS AND CATS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill permits emergency medical service providers responding to the scene of an emergency to voluntarily deliver preveterinary care to domesticated dogs and cats, at the discretion of their employer. Preveterinary emergency care is defined as care to stabilize a domesticated dog or cat until the animal can obtain veterinary care and does not include response to an emergency call made solely to tend to an injured dog or cat, unless a person's life could be in danger. Employers who allow employees to administer preveterinary care must provide sufficient training and guidelines. The bill does not impose any legal obligation on emergency medical service providers to administer preveterinary care or to provide care to a dog or cat before a person.

Local Government Impact

Local governments who employ emergency medical service providers may experience increased workload or expenditures if they choose to allow employees to provide preveterinary emergency care. In such instances, local government costs may increase to provide adequate training to employees and enact clear guidelines concerning the circumstances in which emergency care can be provided to animals. On the other hand, local governments that currently provide preveterinary emergency care to domesticated dogs and cats will likely have minimal new costs associated with the bill.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 20, 2014, and became effective on August 6, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Health and Environment	Counties	Municipalities
Special Districts	Corrections	Human Services
Higher Education	Regulatory Agencies	