

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2242

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Howell, A.T.

**3. Committee** Agriculture

**4. Title** Tethering of dogs.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor (fine up to \$500) to tether, fasten, chain, or tie a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence, or other stationary object. However, the bill provides a number of circumstances in which it is lawful to tether a dog. An animal control officer has the discretion to issue a correction warning to anyone who is violating the provisions of this bill, unless the health or safety of the dog is endangered, the animal has been wounded, or a correction warning has previously been issued.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** Although there could be some revenue generated by this legislation, it is impossible to determine the extent of the impact. The revenue derived from any fines collected under this legislation would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Court System

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** None

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