

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 2365

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Scott, E.T.

3. Committee Passed both houses

4. Title Removal of a dog collar

5. Summary/Purpose:

The enrolled bill would make it a Class 1 misdemeanor to remove an electronic or radio transmitting collar from a dog without the permission of the owner and with the intent to prevent or hinder the owner from locating the dog.

6. Fiscal Impact: Final. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2005), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$28.35 per inmate, per day in FY 2005.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Local and regional jails.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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