

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB42

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Marsden

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Fox or coyote; penalty for any person to erect or maintain an enclosure for purpose of hunting, etc.

5. **Summary:** Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to erect or maintain an enclosure for the purpose of pursuing, hunting, or killing or attempting to pursue, hunt, or kill a fox or coyote with dogs. The bill also makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to pursue a fox or coyote within such an enclosure with dogs, to stage or participate in any competition where such pursuit occurs, or to give or accept any award relating to such a competition.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 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 FY2012 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2013), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$30.06 per state inmate, per day in FY 2012.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Law enforcement agencies statewide, local and regional jails, State Compensation Board.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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