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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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| Bill Number: | H. 3373 | Introduced on January 8, 2019 |
| Author: | Huggins | |
| Subject: | First Responders | |
| Requestor: | House Judiciary | |
| RFA Analyst(s): | Gardner and Gallagher | |
| Impact Date: | February 26, 2020 | |

Fiscal Impact Summary

The Department of Public Safety and State Fiscal Accountability Authority indicate this bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

The expenditure impact on the Department of Natural Resources is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office anticipates that local governments may experience a minimal cost savings from decreased liability insurance premiums.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 8, 2019

State Expenditure

This bill holds first responders who render emergency care or treatment to a domestic animal immune from civil liability for injury or harm to the animal, provided the first responder acts without malice, recklessness, or gross negligence prior to transferring the animal to a licensed veterinarian for further treatment following the event. The bill defines a first responder as an emergency medical services provider, a law enforcement officer, or a fire department worker directly engaged in examining, treating, or directing persons during an emergency.

Department of Public Safety. This bill will have no expenditure impact on the department because it does not significantly affect the agency.

Department of Natural Resources. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

State Fiscal Accountability Authority. This bill will not have an expenditure impact on the State Fiscal Accountability Authority's General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds as will not affect the state's Insurance Reserve Fund.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office that local governments may experience a minimal cost savings from decreased liability insurance premiums as a result of the bill.

Local Revenue

N/A



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