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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:	March 17, 2020 Updated for Additional Agency Response	

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.

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs anticipates that this bill will not operationally impact the Department of Natural Resources. Therefore, there will be no expenditure impact on the department's General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

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

This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include the Department of Natural Resources' anticipated expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response

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. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs anticipates that this bill will not operationally impact the agency. Therefore, there will be no expenditure impact on the department's General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

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 it will not affect the state's Insurance Reserve Fund.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office anticipates 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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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 it will not affect the state's Insurance Reserve Fund.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office anticipates 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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