# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 1429 - HB 1327

April 9, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the *Pet Protection Act of 2001* which:

- requires the Department of Health to regulate the selling and maintenance of dogs and cats.
- deletes the current law giving authority to the Department of Agriculture.
- defines pets as *cats and dogs* and requires the licensing of any pet dealer except a person who raises their own animals and sells less than 20 per year.
- requires the department to set license fees to cover expenses.
- authorizes the Department of Health to suspend or revoke a license for violation of the act including cruelty to animals, failure to provide proper facilities or care and misrepresentation or false promises. Violation of the act is a Class C misdemeanor. The Department's representatives may enter private property to inspect any pet dealer or animal shelter to enforce the act.
- allows the department to quarantine an animal with a contagious or infectious disease.
- exempts all agricultural activities and any activity having to do with fish and wildlife.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - $359,600 Recurring**
**$51,300 One-Time**
**Increase State Revenues - $411,000**
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**
**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- a need for nine positions and related expenses in the Department of Health. According to the Department of Health, there are approximately 2,000 such establishments.
- expenditures and revenues currently in the Department of Agriculture are not significant and no resources will transfer to the Department of Health.
- license fees will be set at a level to cover all expenses.
- impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director