

FISCAL NOTE

SB 654 - HB 762

March 29, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires labeling on all poultry processed and sold in Tennessee to state whether arsenic was fed to poultry at any time prior to processing. A violation of the provisions of this bill is punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action and as a Class C or Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures - \$96,900 Recurring
\$5,500 One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- A recurring increase in state expenditures for the salary, benefits, travel, and operational expenses of one Chemist and one Food and Dairy Inspector and to maintain laboratory equipment.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to purchase specialized laboratory equipment.
- Any increase in state revenues from the collection of civil penalties will be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director