

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3487 - SB 3692

March 28, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes primates not otherwise listed from the list of Class III wildlife. Defines “wildlife sanctuary” relative to primates. Creates an offense for the possession, sale, transfer, or breeding of a primate. Exempts specified institutions from the offense. Exempts persons who possessed the primate prior to July 1, 2012, if after that date they are not convicted of an offense involving the abuse or neglect of any animal; their license to possess the primate is not revoked or suspended; they do not allow members of the public to come into direct physical contact with the primate; they register with the Department of Health (TDOH) by September 1, 2012, and annually thereafter; and they show proof of liability insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000 with a deductible of not more than \$250. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for violating these requirements. Authorizes law enforcement to immediately seize a primate they have probable cause to believe is possessed in violation of these requirements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$2,500/Recurring

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,500/One-Time

Assumptions:

- TDOH will hold a rulemaking hearing. The one-time increase in state expenditures is \$2,500.
- TDOH will charge a \$100 fee to register as a primate owner.
- Currently, 25 persons own primates. The recurring increase in state revenue is \$2,500 (25 owners x \$100 fee).
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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