

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 147 – SB 1204

April 11, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Beginning January 1, 2016, requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to post a publicly accessible list of any person convicted of animal abuse after such date on the TBI's website. A photograph of each abuser shall be included on the list. Court clerks are required to forward a copy of the judgment and date of birth of all persons who are convicted of an animal abuse offense to TBI within 21 days of conviction. Upon the first offense, a convicted abuser's information shall remain on such list for a period of two years following conviction. For any subsequent offenses, such identifying information will remain on the list for a period of five years following the most recent conviction.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (005028, 006177): Amendment 005028 requires TBI to remove the name and identifying information of any individual whose offense is expunged, if that offense was the reason for being placed on the registry. Increases the period of time, from 21 to 60 days upon conviction, in which court clerks are required to forward a copy of the judgment and date of birth of all persons who are convicted of an animal abuse offense to TBI.

Amendment 006177 changes the criminal offenses included in the abuse list by removing cruelty to animals under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-202.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- TBI can create and maintain such list on its website using current staff at no cost.
- This will have no significant fiscal impact on state government.
- Any additional work required of court clerks will not result in a significant increase in expenditures and can be accommodated within existing local resources.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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