

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 222 - HB 233

March 12, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates a Class A misdemeanor for possessing, owning, buying, selling, transferring, or manufacturing animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent that such paraphernalia be used in the promoting, facilitating, training for, or furthering animal fighting or baiting.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005732):** Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for possessing, owning, buying, selling, transferring, or manufacturing cock fighting paraphernalia with the intent that such paraphernalia be used in the promoting, facilitating, training for, or furthering cock fighting. Outlines the factors the court or other authority is required to consider in determining whether a particular object is cock fighting paraphernalia.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

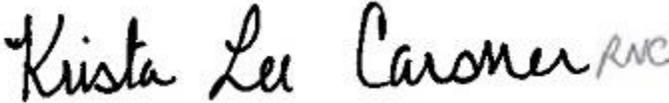
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation defines cock fighting paraphernalia as gaffs, slashers, heels, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in a place of the natural spur of a cock or game fowl.
- Any cost to local jail systems resulting from possible convictions under this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience a significant increase in caseloads; therefore, any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner RNC in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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