

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2442 - HB 2543

February 19, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from three to seven, the number of days an animal control agency is required to hold certain animals prior to classifying the animal as an abandoned animal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-17-304, a public or private agency must hold an abandoned animal for at least three full business days prior to euthanizing, except for emergency situations.
- The proposed language requires an animal control agency to hold an animal that was taken possession of due to the death of the animal's owner for seven days, prior to classifying the animal as abandoned.
- This analysis assumes:
 - Agencies statewide currently hold animals more than three days prior to classifying them as abandoned; and
 - There are a limited number of animals that are taken possession of due to the death of the animal's owner statewide, annually.
- Due to the assumed limited number of applicable situations and the presumed current practice of such agencies, any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed language is applicable to private humane societies and local agencies.
- Due to the assumed limited number of applicable situations and the presumed current practice of such agencies, any fiscal impact to jobs and commerce in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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