



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2026

PRINTERS NO. 3011

PRIME SPONSOR: Maher

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 2026 amends the Crimes Code concerning police animals. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Under current law it is unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison or kill a police animal, and the offense is graded as a felony of the third degree. This legislation would raise the grading to a felony of the second degree.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, there were no convictions for the torture or killing of a police animal in 2011 or 2012, the specific offense impacted by this legislation. Therefore, based on this recent history, enactment of this legislation is not expected to have a significant impact on Commonwealth or local government funds.

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DATE: March 18, 2014

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.