

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 798

PRINTER NO. 1409

AMOUNT

\$111,500 (new revenue)

FUND

Dog Law Restricted Account

DATE INTRODUCED

July 9, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Killion

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 798 amends the Dog Law to eliminate the need to prove a vicious propensity or history of attacks in determining that a dog is dangerous and increases the registration fee for a dangerous dog certification.

The legislation replaces the term "without provocation" with the term "unprovoked," which is defined as, "action by a dog that includes biting, attacking or forcibly coming into unwanted physical contact with a person who or domestic animal that is acting peaceably and lawfully." It also provides that if an unprovoked dog acts with a propensity to kill or inflict severe injury, the propensity to kill or inflict severe injury may be proven by a single incident.

The legislation increases the annual registration fee for a dangerous dog certificate from \$500 to \$1,000 per calendar year.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

During the 2019 calendar year, 223 dogs were registered as dangerous dogs with the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. Assuming the same number of registrations as the current year, it is estimated that increasing the annual registration fee for a dangerous dog certificate from \$500 to \$1,000, as proposed in the Senate Bill 798, will generate an additional \$111,500 in annual revenue to be deposited in the Dog Law Restricted Account for Dog Law administration.