

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2384 - HB 2540

March 12, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, barter, or give away rabbits as pets, toys, premiums, or novelties if the rabbits have been colored, dyed, stained, or otherwise had their natural color changed and the rabbits are under six months of age, rather than under two months of age.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-204(a)(1)(A), it is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, barter or give away baby chickens, ducklings or goslings of any age, or rabbits under two months of age, as pets, toys, premiums or novelties, if those fowl or rabbits have been colored, dyed, stained or otherwise had their natural color changed.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-204(b), a violation is a Class C misdemeanor.
- The proposed legislation would apply the prohibition to rabbits under the age of six months, rather than only those under the age of two months.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Department of Correction Jail Summary Reports, there have been no convictions for this offense in the last five years in state or local courts.
- The proposed legislation is therefore not estimated to result in a significant increase in Class C misdemeanor convictions.
- Any fiscal impact to local governments related to incarceration or fines is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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