



Act provides that fees and fines be deposited into the state Animal Control and Care Fund, these additional funds will likely not have a significant impact on county animal shelters.

The Act provides that the Commissioner of Agriculture may report to law enforcement agencies any dog vendor alleged by the Commissioner to have committed an offense prohibited by KRS 525.125, 525.130 or 525.135. In this regard **SB 224 creates a new crime (Class B Misdemeanor) for violations** of the provisions of the Act. Thus, there can be some additional Class B misdemeanor arrests and incarcerations. The jail costs associated with misdemeanor incarcerations are described below.

A person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to 90 days. A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 76 full service jails or four life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.34 per day.

### **Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions**

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as introduced and there are not any prior introduced versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Association of Counties; LRC staff; University of Kentucky College of Agriculture 2016 study of current conditions of Kentucky county animal shelters and degree of compliance with Kentucky animal shelter laws; Kentucky Sheriffs Association; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police; Kentucky Department of Corrections

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