

According to the Humane Society of the United States, there is no uniform daily rate for animal care among county animal control offices. Daily care rates range from \$10 per day to \$25 per day for dogs and cats. Medical care provided on site varies from actual costs to a set fee. If an external veterinarian is needed, the costs are reflective of the veterinary fees charged. All costs are higher for exotic breeds of animals, and larger animals.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable but expected to be minimal. Reasonable costs incurred for the care of seized animals should be recovered through reimbursement from the convicted persons as ordered by the court. In cases where reimbursements are not made, city/county attorneys would become involved in obtaining restitution providing legal costs in addition to a lag between the expenditures for the animal care and the revenue for reimbursements.

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

Part II, above, pertains to the GA version of the bill. The introduced bill was amended by SFA 1. The fiscal impact remains the same as the mandate for the bill as introduced.

SFA 1 amends the bill to make corrections to the definitions of related terms held within **Section 1**.

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