

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits devocalization and/or declawing of cats or dogs, except under specified circumstances.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-A5 amendment] Broadens applicability to more animals. Prohibits procedures outright unless medically necessary.

BACKGROUND: “Devocalization” is the severing or removal of an animal’s vocal cords. Declawing is accomplished by removing the last bone at the tip of an animal’s toe.

House Bill 3494-A bars declawing and devocalization of cats and dogs except under certain circumstances

House Committee: 9 – 0 – 0

House Floor: 35 – 18 – 4