



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 295 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Goodman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Exempts certain veterans from paying dog registration fees

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The expanded dog registration fee exemption in the bill would appear to reduce revenues collected by counties for dog registrations by no more than a minimal amount. County auditors deposit such registration revenues into the County Dog and Kennel Fund in each respective county.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill extends the current dog registration fee exemption applicable to assistance dogs to include assistance dogs owned by military veterans with service-related disabilities, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Currently, an assistance dog may be a guide dog trained to assist the blind, a hearing dog trained to assist the deaf, or a service dog trained to assist a mobility-impaired person. Specifically, the bill expands the definition of a mobility-impaired person to include a person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, including reserve components, who has been discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions, and who has been diagnosed with PTSD, traumatic brain injury, or any other service-related disability.

Under current law, dog owners are generally required to register a dog with the office of the county auditor. Under current law, a registration fee is \$2 for each year of registration for a one-year or three-year registration or \$20 for a permanent registration for each dog. However, the fee may exceed that amount if a board of county commissioners establishes a greater fee. Generally speaking, most counties have fees higher than those established in law. The provisions of the bill could therefore reduce revenues collected by a county auditor for dog registrations. Registration proceeds are deposited into the County Dog and Kennel Fund. The overall magnitude of these revenue losses is unclear, but would not appear to be greater than minimal in nature.