

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1077 (Delegate Klausmeier. *et al.*)

Judiciary

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Courts - Damages for Tortious Injuries to Pets

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This bill provides that the measure of damages for tortious injuries to a pet is the greater of the market value of the pet before the injury or the reasonable cost of veterinary care. Under current law the measure of damages is the market value of the pet before the injury or the reasonable cost of veterinary care, but not more than \$2,500 if such charge is greater.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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