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FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 288 (Senator Stone, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Damages for Injury to or Death of Pet

This bill provides that the measure of damages for tortious injuries to or death of a pet is the market value of the pet before the injury or death or the reasonable cost of veterinary care, but not more than \$5,000 if such charge is greater.

Current law provides that the measure of damages for tortious injuries to a pet 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.

The bill applies prospectively only.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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

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