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SB 868 – Civil Actions – Injury to or Death of a Pet - Damages

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

This bill seeks to repeal the cap on compensatory damages, which is currently \$10,000, for the tortious injury to or death of a pet.

Under current law, a person who causes an injury or death to someone's pet is liable to the owner of the pet for up to \$10,000 in damages. However, there have been cases where \$10,000 did not cover all compensatory damages.

SB 868 will ensure that pet owners will receive the proper amount of compensation when another individual injures or kills their pet.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 868.