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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Antani

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- It is expected that the bill's impact on existing criminal and/or civil cases related to a lost animal would be negligible for any county or municipal criminal and civil justice system.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill, known as Khloey's Law, will grant a person immunity from the crime of theft and civil immunity for damages for possessing a lost animal under certain circumstances. The bill also grants a licensed veterinarian civil immunity for any damages to an ill or injured animal if the veterinarian renders emergency treatment without compensation and without authorization of the animal's owner, except in the case of gross negligence.

The bill's animal-related immunities are expected to apply only to a very narrow set of circumstances. It is uncertain how many disputes related to ownership of lost pets currently occur annually, but anecdotal evidence suggests that the number is negligible when compared to overall criminal and civil caseloads statewide. Under the bill, if a person comes into possession of a domestic animal that appears to be lost and if that person does not intentionally cause damage to the animal, no criminal charges of theft need be filed or pursued by law enforcement or the local prosecutor. However, the person must contact law enforcement or the dog warden within 24 hours of coming into possession of the animal, otherwise charges of theft may still be filed and no immunity can be granted. The net effect of these changes is that a small number of criminal and/or civil cases may not be filed annually or could be resolved more expediently.