

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2539 - HB 2788**

February 18, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a dog owner to own, keep or harbor any dog six months of age or older that has not been vaccinated against rabies, if a licensed veterinarian has examined the dog and, based on the veterinarian's professional judgment, has certified in writing that at the time, vaccination would endanger the dog's health because of a medical consideration. Requires the owner of the dog to keep the exemption certificate in their possession for inspection by an animal control officer, the Department of Agriculture, or the Department of Health. Each exemption certificate is valid for one year.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- It is estimated the proposed legislation will not result in a significant decrease in vaccinations.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will have no effect on policies or procedures of the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation or the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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