

Legislative Analysis



DOG BREED DISCRIMINATION

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Senate Bill 239 (S-1) as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. David Robertson
House Committee: Local Government
Senate Committee: Agriculture
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 239 would enact a new statute to prohibit a local unit of government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or rule that regulates a dog based solely on the breed, perceived breed, or type of dog.

Although breed-specific discrimination would be prohibited under the bill, the bill would not prohibit a local unit of government from enacting breed-neutral restrictions or imposing additional requirements on dogs or dog owners.

"Local unit of government" would mean a county, city, village, or township.

This bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 239 would establish a new public act that would prohibit a local unit of government as defined in the bill from enacting or enforcing a "breed specific" regulatory dog ordinance. The bill would establish no new regulatory responsibilities for state agencies or local units of government and no new taxes or fees and would therefore have no direct fiscal impact on either the state or local units of government.

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