

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version:                     **HB138**                      
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name):                     HB138-LAW-CRIM-4-2-09                     Dept. Affected:                     Law                      
 Title                     An Act relating to cruelty to animals                     RDU                     CRIMINAL                      
 Sponsor                     REPRESENTATIVE(s) GATTO, Gruenberg                     Component                     CRIMINAL JUSTICE LITIGATION                      
 Requester                     JUDICIARY                     Component Number                     2202                    

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 138 divides the crime of animal cruelty into first and second degree animal cruelty. First degree animal cruelty, made a class C felony by the bill, includes the current law prohibiting inflicting severe and prolonged pain or suffering on an animal, killing an animal in a decompression chamber, or poisoning an animal. The remaining prohibitions under current law would be included in second degree animal cruelty, a class A misdemeanor. The bill would repeal the law adopted last year that made the third conviction for animal cruelty within 10 years a class C felony. It is not anticipated that this change in statute would have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Law.

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