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House Bill 4065 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Jeff Mayes
House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to require a person 18 years of age or older who was responsible for controlling the actions of a dog or wolf-dog cross and knew or had reason to know that the animal had bitten any individual, to remain on the scene until the requirements of Section 66 of the Code were fulfilled.

(Senate Bill 346 proposes Section 66, which would require an adult responsible for a dog or wolf-dog cross who knew or had reason to know that the animal had bitten any individual, to give his or her name and address and, if the person did not own the animal, the name and address of the owner, to the individual who was bitten, and provide the individual with information, if known by the person, as to whether the dog or wolf-dog cross was current on all legally required vaccinations.

A violation of the bill would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days' imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$500, or both.)

The bill would take effect on January 1, 2009, and is tie-barred to Senate Bill 346.

Proposed MCL 750.66a

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders would be convicted of leaving the scene of a dog bite incident without fulfilling the requirements of the bill. Local governments would incur the costs of misdemeanor probation and incarceration in local facilities, which vary by county. Additional penal fine revenue would benefit public libraries.

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