

Legislative Analysis



UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF DOG COLLAR

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House Bill 5215 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Triston Cole
Committee: Natural Resources
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5215 would amend the Michigan Penal Code to make the removal of a dog's collar by an individual who is not the owner of that dog or authorized agent of that dog's owner a misdemeanor.

The new Section 70a being added would set the penalty for unauthorized removal as a fine of not less than \$100 but not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 90 days. The bill would take effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

New misdemeanor convictions would increase costs related to county jails and/or local misdemeanor probation supervision. The costs of local incarceration in a county jail and local misdemeanor probation supervision vary by jurisdiction. Any increase in penal fine revenues would increase funding for local libraries, which are the constitutionally-designated recipients of those revenues.

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