

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1223
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	11381
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Impact:	Creates misdemeanor; potential positive revenue impact to state

Research Analysis

The Committee Substitute to SB 1223 provides that any person who is not an individual with a disability or is not trained to assist individuals with disabilities, who uses a service animal in an attempt to gain treatment or benefits as an individual with a disability is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500. The measure allows signage to be placed at any public accommodation stating that it is a crime to misrepresent an animal as a service animal. The measure lowers the penalty for cockfighting from a felony to a misdemeanor. Lowers the penalty for providing a building for the purpose of holding a cockfight from a felony to a misdemeanor. Lowers the penalty for any act or service in the furtherance of or to facilitate a cockfight from a felony to a misdemeanor. The penalty for the misdemeanor convictions is a fine of not more than \$500. For a second conviction the fine is \$1,000. A third or subsequent conviction is a fine of not more than \$2,000. The measure lowers the penalty for the following crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor: Theft of exotic livestock; purchasing or receiving any deceased human body; altering the appearance of livestock; use of slung shot; possession of sawed-off weapons; obtaining property by means of false pretense; falsely personate public officer; operation of a whiskey still; hiring private person to guard with arms without permit; repair of steam boiler under pressure; possession of a vehicle without consent; practice of dental hygienist without registration; bail jumping.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would create a misdemeanor for the improper use of a service animal.

Upon review, passage of the measure may have a positive revenue impact to the state. By creating a misdemeanor and corresponding fine, the measure may increase fine revenue received by the state. The exact amount is dependent on the number and disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.

