



**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
STAFF LEGISLATIVE BILL ANALYSIS**

Date Amended:	04/13/10	Bill No:	SB 1277
Tax:	Pet Food Tax	Author:	Florez
Related Bills:			

The bill, as amended, is no longer within the scope of responsibility of the Board.

COMMENT

Among other things, the amendments delete the provisions that would have required the Board to administer and collect a pet food tax. The pet food tax would have been an unspecified charge per pound imposed upon a customer who purchases pet food and would have been collected by the store at the time of the sale. Revenues would have been expended, upon appropriation, by the Department of Justice (DOJ) for creating, administering, and updating an animal abuse registry website and by local governments for spay and neuter programs.

Now, in order to fund the DOJ's animal abuse registry website and local government's spay and neuter programs, the bill requires every person convicted in this state of animal abuse, as defined, to be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each misdemeanor conviction and a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each felony conviction.

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