

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0583  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Lebsock  
 Sen. Jones

**Date:** May 20, 2013  
**Bill Status:** Deemed Lost  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A PROHIBITION AGAINST ROUTINE TAIL DOCKING OF DAIRY CATTLE.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was laid over until May 10, 2013, by the House of Representatives during second reading on March 26, 2013. As such the bill was deemed lost.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill prohibits the practice of docking the tails of dairy cattle. It does allow tail docking if the procedure is performed for a therapeutic purpose by a veterinarian using anesthetic. It is an affirmative defense to an alleged violation that the tail of a dairy cow was docked prior to the effective date of the bill. A person who violates the bill's provisions commits a class 2 petty offense, subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.

**Local Government Impact**

The fiscal note assumes that any enforcement actions taken against a person who performs a prohibited tail docking will occur at the local level. These are expected to be few in number, generating a minimal amount of penalty revenue and not requiring additional law enforcement resources.

**Departments Contacted**

Agriculture

Public Health and Environment