

HB 746 -- INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF FOR THE PUPPY PROTECTION TRUST FUND

SPONSOR: Brown (85)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 14 to 0.

Beginning January 1, 2011, this bill authorizes a check-off box for the newly created Puppy Protection Trust Fund to be added to the individual and corporate income tax forms. A taxpayer may donate to the fund by designating on the form at least \$1 on an individual return or \$2 on a combined return of his or her tax refund amount or by sending a separate check with the payment of his or her taxes. The donations are to be used by the Department of Agriculture for the sole purpose of administering the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act.

The provisions of the bill will expire December 31 six years from the effective date.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that voters passed the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act, commonly known as Proposition B, in 2010, but there are no additional funds available to help enforce the new requirements. The bill will provide a way for supporters to donate a portion of their tax refund to help with the enforcement.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Brown (85).

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.