

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6298
BILL NUMBER: HB 1220

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 20, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Declawing Cats.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Miller K
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a person from declawing cats in Indiana.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Civil Penalty Provision:* A person who performs a surgical claw removal, declawing, or a tendonectomy on a cat, as prescribed in the bill, is subject to a civil penalty of between \$500 and \$2,500. All civil penalties collected will be deposited into the state General Fund.

If additional civil cases occur and court fees are collected, revenue to the state General Fund will increase. The total revenue per case would range between \$100 and \$122. The amount deposited will vary depending on whether the case is filed in a court of record or a municipal court. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.](#)

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Civil Penalty Provision:* If additional cases occur, revenue will be collected by certain local units. If the case is filed in a court of record, the county will receive \$32 and qualifying municipalities will receive a share of \$3. If the case is filed in a municipal court, the county receives \$20, and the municipality will receive \$37. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.](#)

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, city and town courts.

Information Sources: Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana Trial Court Fee Manual.

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