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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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**SB 580 (Wilk) - Animal abuse: probation: treatment**

**Version:** February 22, 2019

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 16, 2019

**Policy Vote:** PUB. S. 7 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Shaun Naidu

**\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\***

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on May 16, 2019**

**Bill Summary:** SB 580 would require a defendant who is granted probation or a suspended sentence for specified offenses against animals to undergo treatment, as specified, instead of completing counseling and would require the court to consider ordering the defendant who is granted probation or a suspended sentence to complete a responsible animal owner education course, as specified, for the same and additional offenses.

**Fiscal Impact:**

- Courts: Unknown, potentially-significant costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for courts to pay for counseling for defendants who are financially unable to pay. (General Fund\*)
- County Behavior Health Departments: Unknown costs to county mental health departments to cover counseling costs for defendants who meet the medical necessity criteria for mental health managed care, as specified, or the targeted population criteria, as specified.

\*Trial Court Trust Fund

**Author Amendments:** Provide that defendant progress reports are confidential without the defendant's consent to release.

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