

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF AMENDED BILLAuthor: Migden Analyst: Anne Mazur Bill Number: SB 11Related Bills: See Prior Analysis Telephone: 845-5404 Amended Date: July 5, 2007Attorney: Patrick Kusiak Sponsor: _____**SUBJECT:** Domestic Partnerships

DEPARTMENT AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED. Amendments reflect suggestions of previous analysis of bill as introduced/amended _____.

AMENDMENTS IMPACT REVENUE. A new revenue estimate is provided.

AMENDMENTS DID NOT RESOLVE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS stated in the previous analysis of bill as introduced December 4, 2006.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS NECESSARY.

DEPARTMENT POSITION CHANGED TO _____.

REMAINDER OF PREVIOUS ANALYSIS OF BILL AS INTRODUCED December 4, 2006, STILL APPLIES.

OTHER – See comments below.

SUMMARY

This bill would broaden eligibility for domestic partnerships.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

The July 5, 2007, amendments made a nonsubstantive conforming change to a related provision in the Family Code that does not impact the department.

The department's analysis of bill as introduced December 4, 2006, still applies, except for a revised Fiscal Impact section to request an appropriation for the department's cost to implement the bill.

POSITION

Pending.

Board Position:

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Legislative Director

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Brian Putler

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FISCAL IMPACT

The department's costs to implement and administer this bill are estimated to be \$205,000 annually. The department anticipates customer service contacts from taxpayers seeking clarification of tax return filing requirements. Staff also anticipates additional manual processing or review of returns to the extent that automated systems are unable to compare federal and state tax information.

It is recommended that the bill be amended to include appropriation language that would provide funding to implement this bill. Lack of an appropriation will require the department to secure the funding through the normal budgetary process, which will delay implementation of this bill.

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