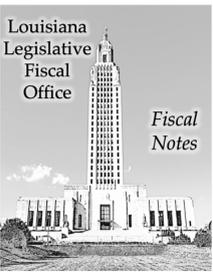


LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 38** SLS 25RS 151
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Theft of Gift Cards or Gift Card Redemption Information	Analyst: Daniel Druilhet

CRIME/PUNISHMENT EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1
 Creates the crime of theft of gift cards or gift card redemption information. (8/1/25)

Proposed law creates the crime of theft of gift cards or gift card redemption information; makes it unlawful to misappropriate or take a gift card or gift card redemption information without the consent of either the card holder, card issuer, or card seller; makes it unlawful to alter, tamper with, or duplicate a gift card, gift card redemption information, or gift card packaging with the intent to defraud; makes it unlawful to devise or participate in a scheme to obtain a gift card or gift card redemption information from a cardholder, card issuer, or card seller by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises; assesses a sentence of imprisonment in accordance with the value of the item misappropriated or taken as follows: (1) items valued \$25,000 or more - imprisonment at hard labor for no more than 20 years, or a fine of \$50,000, or both; (2) items valued between \$5,000 and \$24,999 - imprisonment for no more than 10 years, with or without hard labor, or a fine of no more than \$10,000, or both; (3) items valued between \$1,000 and \$4,999 - imprisonment for no more than five years, with or without hard labor, or a fine of no more than \$3,000, or both; (4) items valued less than \$1,000 - imprisonment for no more than six months, a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both; (5) for offenders convicted two or more times, upon any subsequent conviction, imprisonment of no more than two years, with or without hard labor, or a fine of \$2,000, or both.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					

Annual Total

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					

Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections – Corrections Services (DPS&C – CS) if a person is convicted of theft of gift cards or gift card redemption information. Proposed law is a relative felony, and any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether persons sustain either misdemeanor or felony-grade convictions for its violation. The exact fiscal impact of this legislation to state and local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it creates a crime, and it is not known how many people will be convicted, nor the length of the sentences assessed as a result of its potential enactment. Moreover, the sentences of imprisonment for conviction of the proposed law are optional and contingent upon the value of items misappropriated or taken by those convicted.

To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$26.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of theft of gift cards or gift card redemption information. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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