

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 476** HLS 25RS 535

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Fees imposed by motor vehicle sellers for titling a retail transaction		

MTR VEHICLE/DEALERS EG NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides relative to an annual automatic adjustment to a fee for motor vehicle dealers based on the Consumer Price Index

Current law allows a motor vehicle seller to charge a fee up to \$425 for a credit investigation, compliance with federal and state laws, preparation of documents necessary to perfect or satisfy a lien on the items sold, and other functions incidental to the titling of the retail sale. Proposed legislation allows the fee to be increased annually by an amount equal to the percentage change in the annual average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as reported by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, not to exceed 3% for a calendar year. Proposed measure provides if the cumulative percent change is negative, no adjustment shall be made for that year. Proposed measure provides for the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to calculate and furnish the fee determined under proposed measure no later than January 14th each year. Proposed legislation provides if the adjustment is less than 50 cents, it is rounded down to the nearest whole dollar; if it is 50 cents or more, it is rounded up.

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

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Currently, a motor vehicle seller may charge a fee, of up to \$425, in connection with a retail sale for services such as credit checks, compliance with federal and state laws, preparation of documents to perfect or satisfy a lien on the vehicle, and other tasks related to titling the sale. Proposed measure allows the base maximum fee of \$425 to increase annually by an amount equal to the percentage change in the annual average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the cumulative percentage change is negative, no adjustment shall be made for that year.

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Motor Vehicles indicates that there may be a slight increase in workload as a result of calculating and publishing the adjusted fee by January 14th of each year; however, any increase would be absorbable within existing operations.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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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