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Subject: Registration of Short-Term Rental Dwellings

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Provides relative to the registration of short-term rental dwellings with the office of state fire marshal

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits an owner of a short-term rental dwelling unit from using a platform (website or online listing service) to complete a booking transaction (rental agreement) unless the owner has registered the unit with the Office of State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety. <u>Proposed law</u> requires registration to be submitted electronically, on forms developed by the State Fire Marshal, either annually or every 5 years. Registration includes the owner's attestation of certain life safety features present in the short-term rental. <u>Proposed law</u> allows an owner to rent dwelling during the registration process. Under <u>proposed law</u>, registration fees are as follows: (1) \$5 initial annual registration; (2) \$5 annual renewal; (3) \$20 initial 5-year registration; and (4) \$20 5-year renewal. If an owner fails to register, <u>proposed law</u> provides for the following civil penalties: (1) 1st violation is a warning letter; (2) 2nd violation is a civil penalty not to exceed \$500; and (3) 3rd and each subsequent violation is a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that registration fees and civil penalties are to be deposited into the statutorily dedicated LA Life Safety and Property Protection Trust Fund. Registration under this proposed law does not require inspection or authorized the State Fire Marshal to physical inspect any short-term rental dwelling. <u>Proposed law</u> does not change existing building and safety codes. <u>Proposed law</u> effective 2/01/2022.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
EXPENDITURES	<u>2021-22</u>					<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	<u>2021-22</u>	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to have a minimal increase in expenditures within the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS), Public Safety Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal for programming changes to the information management system. The proposed law requires an owner of a short-term rental dwelling to electronically register the dwelling unit with the State Fire Marshal before accepting any booking transaction (rental agreement) from any platform service (website or online listing service). If the owner fails to register, the proposed law authorizes the State Fire Marshal to impose civil penalties.

The Office of State Fire Marshal reports the initial development of rules and regulations as well as operation, management, and maintenance of the electronic registry can be handled by existing personnel and budgetary resources. The number of short-term rental dwelling units that will register with the State Fire Marshal under this measure is indeterminable. To the extent there is a substantial number of short-term rental properties that register, the Office of State Fire Marshal may require additional budgetary and/or personnel resources. The LFO anticipates registration fees and civil fines generated from proposed law and deposited in the LA Life Safety and Property Protection Trust Fund will be utilized by the Office of State Fire Marshall to cover expenditures related to implementing this measure at an indeterminable level, but any potential shortfalls are anticipated to be paid from the SGF.

DPS estimates the one-time cost of the proposed law of \$58,000 to make coding changes to the Fire Marshal's Information Management System. The LFO believes that any additional IT work associated with this measure will be incremental and the department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, the department may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in statutory dedications within the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Proposed law authorizes the OSFM to assess registration and renewal fees between \$5 - \$20 per short-term rental dwellings as well as civil fines from \$500 to \$1,000 on owners for noncompliance. Monies from fees and civil penalties will be deposited into the LA Life Safety and Protection Trust Fund. The LFO cannot determine the number of owners of short-term rental dwellings that register or will be assessed civil fines or anticipate the amount of revenue collected by OSFM from registration fees and civil fines in future fiscal years.

