

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 124** SLS 23RS 329  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE FLOOR AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Penalty for Driving without a License Plate Attached		

CRIME/PUNISHMENT REF INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Increases the penalty for driving a vehicle without a license plate attached. (8/1/23)

Current law assesses a fine of not more than \$175 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both, for a person who drives without a license plate attached; for subsequent violations, a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

Proposed law amends present law to add penalties of vehicle impoundment, imprisonment of an additional 30 days, or an additional fine of \$200 for driving a vehicle without a license plate assigned and attached to the rear of a trailer, semitrailer, motorcycle, dump truck, vehicle weighing in excess of 10,000 pounds or other motor vehicle if its use is in preparation of or during the commission of a felony offense -- an additional fine of \$200 or imprisonment of an additional 30 days, or both.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections – Corrections Services (DPSC – CS) if a person is convicted of driving a vehicle without a license plate assigned and attached to the rear of a trailer, semitrailer, motorcycle, dump truck, vehicle weighing in excess of 10,000 pounds or other motor vehicle if its use is in preparation of or during the commission of a felony offense. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted or the length of sentences imposed on those who are convicted as a result of this change to present law.

Proposed law is a misdemeanor offense, and the maximum fiscal impact per offender per offense will vary depending upon whether the offense for which the offender was convicted resulted in a first or subsequent conviction (i.e. sentences of no more than 30 or 90 days) or if whether the sentence is extended (for an additional 30 days) for an additional conviction of driving a vehicle without a license plate when it is used in preparation of or during the commission of a felony offense. SGF expenditures will increase by \$101.76 per offender per day to the extent that an offender is convicted and then subsequently housed in a state facility or \$26.39 per offender per day for an offender housed in a local facility.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of potential fines for being convicted of driving a vehicle without a license plate assigned and attached to the rear of a trailer, semitrailer, motorcycle, dump truck, vehicle weighing in excess of 10,000 pounds. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines imposed for conviction of the proposed legislation are optional, and the amount assessed for each fine may fluctuate.

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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