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Subject: Fees imposed by motor vehicle sellers for titling a retail transaction

MTR VEHICLE/DEALERS RE1 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 adjusted 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 Legislative Auditor to calculate and furnish the fee determined under proposed measure to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission by February 1st 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	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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 be adjusted 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. If the cumulative percentage change is negative, no adjustment shall be made for that year.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	House 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	Johns Mamor
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer