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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 695** HLS 26RS 605

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Consensual noncommercial towing permit	

MOTOR VEHICLES OR +\$124,800 GF EX See Note  
Requires a towing permit for consensual noncommercial towing

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Proposed law requires the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) to create a permit for consensual noncommercial towing of vehicles. Proposed law defines and clarifies "consensual noncommercial towing" and "noncommercial towing". Proposed law specifies that the permit must require compliance with the following: 1. use of hazard lights while in tow, 2. use of reflectors while in tow, 3. use of signage indicating towing in progress, 4. use of proper equipment to safely tow the vehicle. Proposed law provides for a fine of \$1,000 for violations of proposed law. Proposed law provides rulemaking authority to the OMV to implement proposed law.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$124,800</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$124,800</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>\$124,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$124,800</b>
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</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>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase SGF expenditure for FY 27 by \$124,800 to the OMV associated with the creation of permits. OMV, in conjunction with the Office of Technology Services (OTS), estimates the current vendor would require \$124,800 for the design, development, and implementation of system changes to support the new consensual noncommercial towing permit. Enhanced functionality in the Louisiana State Police Towing and Recovery solution would include: (1) online noncommercial towing permit form/application for individuals; (2) administrative tracking and management of the permit request for DPS personnel to review and approve; (3) upon approval, issuance of an electronic permit to the individual, via email or online portal, to be printed/displayed on the vehicle.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase SGR for OMV derived from the \$1,000 fine for violations authorized under this measure. However, the fiscal impact on SGR is indeterminable at this time. The number of potential violations cannot be accurately projected, as it depends on factors such as the number of individuals engaging in consensual noncommercial towing without the required permit and the frequency of enforcement actions taken by regulatory or law enforcement agencies. These variables will directly influence the amount of fine revenue collected.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

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}

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