

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 127** SLS 14RS 305

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Date: March 20, 2014 10:58 AM | Author: DORSEY-COLOMB |
| Dept./Agy.: Public Safety | Analyst: Matthew LaBruyere |
| Subject: Safety Devices for Trailers and Semitrailers | |

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Provides relative to safety devices for trailers and semitrailers. (8/1/14)

Proposed law increases the loaded gross weight capacity of every trailer and semitrailer from 6,000 to 10,000 pounds. Present law authorizes the state police to approve and inspect safety devices other than safety chains when towing trailers or semitrailers. Requires state police to consider the following whether or not to approve a safety device: physical characteristics of the device; methods by which the device is attached to the trailer or semitrailer; overall strength of the device. Proposed law changes present law to require approval of any and all safety devices. Requires that any safety device used to prevent a trailer or semitrailer from separating from a vehicle shall be proven through scientific testing by a qualified laboratory and by a licensed mechanical engineer prior to its presentation for approval. Proposed law adds criteria state police must consider: design, construction, and installation of the device prevents the coupling device from dropping to the ground if such device breaks, fails, or otherwise becomes disconnected; the device provides strength, security of attachment, and directional stability control. Further provides that welding is not allowed to attach safety devices to chains.

| EXPENDITURES | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| REVENUES | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 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.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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