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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 124** SLS 23RS 329

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Penalty for Driving without a License Plate Attached		

CRIME/PUNISHMENT

OR INCREASE GF EX See Note

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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 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 based on when the violation was committed - on first violation, a fine of no more than \$300 or imprisonment for no more than 30 days, or both; for subsequent violations, a fine of no more than \$500 or imprisonment for no more than 90 days, or both. Proposed law makes it optional for the vehicle to be immediately impounded, and if the offense is committed in preparation of or during the commission of a felony offense, a penalty of an additional fine of \$200 or imprisonment of an additional 30 days is assessed.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

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. 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.

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. 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).

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

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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