LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note



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Dept./Agy.: Corrections, Sheriffs, and State Police

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Provide for penalties for certain traffic offenses. (8/1/25)

<u>Current law</u> provides that vehicles driven at a speed of 10 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit on a multilane highway shall be driven in the right hand lane then available for traffic; provides that vehicles driven at a speed of 10 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit in the left lane, other than for practicable purposes, are assessed a fine of \$100 or less, or imprisonment of no more than 30 days, or both. <u>Proposed law</u> removes the parameter of 10 miles per hour or less for purposes of assessing punishment under <u>current law</u>; changes the fine imposed under <u>current law</u> from no more than \$100 to, on a first offense, a fine of \$150, and on a second or subsequent offense within a 12 month period of the first offense, or a fine of \$350, or imprisonment up to 30 days, or both.

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	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of a third or subsequent offense of violating traffic laws related to lane usage. The exact fiscal impact of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since the imposition of a sentence of imprisonment is optional, and it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than 30 days.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> will likely result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of violating traffic laws related to lane usage.

The fine assessed under the <u>proposed law</u> would increase for first offenses (from no more than \$100 to \$150) and second offenses (from no more than \$100 to \$250). The fine assessed for third offenses (\$350) is optional. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

<u>Senate</u>	Dual Referral Rules	<u>House</u>	
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	$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