



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 403** HLS 25RS 702  
Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
Opp. Chamb. Action:  
  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> May 12, 2025   | 12:41 PM | <b>Author:</b> TURNER         |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Louisiana Emergency Response Network                   |          |                               |
| <b>Subject:</b> Provides for the imposition of fines for driving offenses |          | <b>Analyst:</b> Tamiko Stroud |

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Provides for the imposition of fines for driving offenses

The proposed law provides additional fines for offenders of operating a vehicle while impaired, including a twenty-five dollar fine upon the conviction of a first offense, a fifty dollar fine upon the conviction of a second offense, a one-hundred dollar fine upon conviction of a third offense, and a two-hundred and fifty dollar fine upon conviction of a fourth offense. The proposed law provides additional fines for offenders of reckless operation of a vehicle, including a five dollar fine upon the conviction of a first offense and a twenty dollar fine upon conviction of a second or more offense. The proposed law provides an additional fine for offenders of reckless operation of an off-road vehicle of five dollars upon conviction. The proposed law requires all mentioned fines be collected by the clerk of court to be forwarded by the state treasurer within thirty days of collection. After the funds are allocated to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the proposed law requires the state treasury to deposit collections from the fund to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2025-26         | 2026-27         | 2027-28         | 2028-29         | 2029-30         | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | <b>\$0</b>    |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | <b>\$0</b>    |
| Ded./Other          | <b>INCREASE</b> | <b>INCREASE</b> | <b>INCREASE</b> | <b>INCREASE</b> | <b>INCREASE</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> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |

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| <b>Annual Total</b> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |               |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**  
Any additional funds received by the LA Dept. of Health under this measure can be expended solely to fund grants, projects, and services by the LERN board authorized under R.S. 40:2845 (Act 934 of 2010 RS).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**  
Proposed legislation will increase revenue deposited to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) Fund due to the collection of additional fines for certain driving offenses.


The additional fine amounts that will be deposited in the LERN fund associated with operation of a vehicle while impaired, reckless operation of a vehicle, and reckless operation of an off-road vehicle include:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Type of Offense             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense | 4 <sup>th</sup> Offense |
| Operating while impaired    | \$25                    | \$50                    | \$100                   | \$250                   |
| Reckless operation          | \$5                     | \$10                    | \$10                    | \$10                    |
| Reckless operation off-road | \$5                     | \$5                     | \$5                     | \$5                     |
| Maximum speed limit         | \$5                     | \$5                     | \$5                     | \$5                     |
| General speed law           | \$5                     | \$5                     | \$5                     | \$5                     |
| Drag racing or racing       | \$10                    | \$10                    | \$10                    | \$10                    |

Overall, the exact amount of revenue deposited into the LERN fund due to the proposed law is indeterminable.

Note: The Louisiana Dept. of Health (LDH) reports information regarding several other states that have collected revenue generated from fees/fines related to driving offenses and deposited them into a fund dedicated to their state's trauma care system, including Georgia, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, and Virginia.

For example, the state of Virginia requires the appropriate court to order any person convicted of certain driving offenses to pay \$50 to the established Trauma Center Fund in the state treasury to fund the cost of providing emergency medical care to victims of automobile accidents authorized by Virginia law (code 18.2-270.01). According to the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia's primary daily newspaper, the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) collected approximately \$20 M for the Trauma Center Fund in FY 19. In the subsequent year, collections decreased to about \$10 M. In Florida, \$10 from each traffic violation is directed to trauma centers. In FY 20, the Florida Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Trust Fund awarded \$2.2 M to the counties amongst the state from surcharges on traffic violations.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}       |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    | <b>Patrice Thomas</b>   |
| <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} | <b>Deputy Fiscal Officer</b>  |