

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
CTS 1/15/02

LRB Number 01-3047/2	Introduction Number AB-670	Estimate Type Original
Subject Operating sports recreation vehicles while intoxicated		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a definition for the terms "intoxicant" and "under the influence of an intoxicant" for use in the motor vehicle code and the criminal code. It also extends the reckless and drunken driving statutes to frozen water. The bill specifies that the increased fines for increasing alcohol concentration may not be applied if the penalty relating to a minor passenger under the age of 16 years is applicable. The penalty for absolute sobriety violations is increased from a \$10 forfeiture to \$50.

It is impossible to predict how many additional violations will be filed in the courts as a result of extending OWI laws to frozen waters. As a result any increase in workload or revenue from penalties cannot be accurately estimated.

Currently, the total penalty for an absolute sobriety violation, including the forfeiture, surcharges and court costs, is \$101.40. Under this bill that amount would be \$151.00. The revenue goes to the state, county or local governments depending on whether the action is brought in circuit or municipal court. It is not known how many of these actions are presently filed in those courts so no increased revenue projections are possible.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications