

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	05-3043/2	Introduction Number	SB-588	Estimate Type	Original
Description Retaliatory conduct by public officers and employees, administration and enforcement of codes of ethics, information for applicants for approvals issued by the Department of Natural Resources, and information for applicants for permits issued by a city, village, town, or county					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SUMMARY: The bill would amend current law to require that state and local government agencies establish and maintain procedures to administer and enforce a provision prohibiting government officials, officers, and employees from retaliating against any individual who requests approval of a permit, or who requests any other governmental action or service, for seeking approval of a governmental permit, requesting any other governmental action or service, or exercising free speech in connection with the individual's request or application. In addition, the bill would require the Department to post a sign in each office at which an applicant may apply for or pick up specified permit or license approvals that: (a) explains the rights of applicants for permit and license approvals; (b) names a person to whom an applicant may complain if the applicant believes that the Department is not following the law in processing an application or issuing a permit or license approval, or is making unreasonable demands of the applicant; and (c) lists any deadlines before which the Department is required to act on a permit or license application. The bill would also require the Department to provide permit and license applicants with an information sheet containing information identical to that contained on the posted sign.

ANNUALIZED FISCAL EFFECT: The Department assumes that there would be a modest, but indeterminate annualized state fiscal effect associated with ensuring that the posted signs and information sheets remain current, and with administering and enforcing the provisions of the bill. The Department is not aware of any past instances where its officers or employees have "retaliated" -- as the term is defined in the bill -- against a permit or license applicant. Consequently, the Department assumes that its ongoing enforcement efforts would be minor. The Department's investigatory and enforcement workload would also depend, however, on the number of instances where its employees were accused of retaliation under the provisions of the bill.

The Department has no way to reliably estimate whether officers and employees of cities, towns, or villages would engage in conduct that would be considered retaliatory under the bill and thus cannot determine the annualized fiscal impact of the bill on local governments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

With each relevant statutory revision, or upon promulgating or revising an applicable administrative code, or upon appointment of different permit/license approval contacts, the Department would have to amend the required signage and information sheets.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): The Department anticipates incurring approximately \$6,000 in one-time costs associated with: (1) establishing procedures to enforce the provisions of the bill; and (2) developing signs and information sheets; and (3) posting signs.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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