

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 09-2086/1	Introduction Number AB-0171
Description Unlawful use of a global positioning device and providing a penalty	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would create a new crime for unlawfully placing a global positioning device on another person's vehicle without the person's knowledge and consent. Violation would be a Class I felony. There are exceptions for law enforcement activities and certain commercial trucking activities.

It is impossible to predict how many such crimes will be filed in the circuit court. Felony proceedings generally require additional court appearances and more court hearings than misdemeanors. Additional court proceedings require judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the increased costs is impossible with existing data, but it is expected that existing court staff would absorb it.

On April 15, 2010, the State Assembly amended AB 171 by adopting Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, as well as Assembly Amendment 1 to ASA 1. As amended, the bill would create a new crime for unlawfully placing a global positioning device on another person's vehicle under certain circumstances, but the penalty for violation would be a misdemeanor.

As noted above, misdemeanors require less court appearances and hearings than felonies. Therefore, the bill as amended is likely to require less judicial resources than the original bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications