

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-3506/1	Introduction Number	AB-0433	Estimate Type	Original
Description Requiring an ignition interlock device for first drunken driving offenses					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires a that person who commits a first offense of operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI), regardless of blood alcohol concentration (BAC), be restricted to operating vehicles equipped with an ignition interlock device (IID).

Responses from prosecutors varied regarding this bill and the potential fiscal impact on District Attorney offices. Some anticipated that this bill would require additional prosecutors to handle the cases because violators would be more likely to fight a conviction requiring an IID. Others believe the fiscal impact would be minimal and may even avoid some litigation because current law restricts first offense OWI violators, with a BAC of 0.15 or greater, to operate vehicles equipped with an IID. If all first offense OWI violators are subject to the IID restriction, there would likely be less litigation concerning whether or not a violator's BAC was 0.149 or 0.15.

Because prosecutors' responses concerning the potential fiscal impact of this bill varied, it is difficult to provide an estimate of a fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Responses from prosecutors varied regarding whether or not there would be a fiscal impact as the result of implementation of this bill; consequently, no fiscal estimate has been calculated.