

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-0727/1	Introduction Number	AB-0067	Estimate Type	Original
Description Requiring persons accused of violating traffic laws and ordinances related to driving while intoxicated to appear in person in court					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

BILL SUMMARY

This bill would require a mandatory court appearance for persons found in violation of operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

ASSUMPTIONS

This bill was introduced to require persons charged with first offense OWI to appear in the convicting court in person to enter a plea of guilty, no contest, or not guilty. The proposal would have no fiscal impact on the Department. Currently, arrests for a second or subsequent offense of operating while intoxicated (OWI) are crimes that require a personal appearance in court. This bill would also require first time OWI offenders to make a personal appearance in court. In 2011, there were 21,234 arrests for first time OWI.

The fiscal impact would occur within the circuit and municipal courts.

CONCLUSIONS

There is no fiscal impact upon the Department of Transportation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.