

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes various changes to the law regulating the leasing of space for storage of personal property in self-service storage facilities (facility) and self-service storage units (unit). The bill primarily changes requirements for the notice and sale of the personal property that is being stored in a facility or unit when the lessee defaults in the payment of rent. The bill provides that a vehicle being stored in a facility or unit may be towed at the owner's expense if the lessee defaults in the payment of rent. The bill further establishes the default and notice requirements that would apply. The bill also authorizes and establishes requirements for the sale of insurance by a facility operator (operator) of self-service storage for insuring personal property being stored in a unit or at a facility.

After the law's effective date, the Bureau of Consumer Protection would educate facilities and lessees and would mediate consumer complaints and, when warranted, conduct investigations. Based on prior experience implementing new laws, the department will need to use various degrees of enforcement action to ensure compliance. As with any change in an existing consumer protection law, there will likely be a temporary increase in consumer complaints.

If this bill is enacted, the department does not believe it will need to undergo further rulemaking to bring its rule in alignment with statute. However, facilities and lessees regularly contact the department for information about the statute and how the law impacts the way they do business. Thus, the department anticipates that the changes in the bill will increase the number of contacts and complaints, resulting in temporary increased workload. The department will need to update its printed materials and conduct additional outreach to educate the public about the changes.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

History shows that increases resulting from consumer safety legislation are typically temporary. Therefore, there would be few long-range fiscal implications.