

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**

DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
**AB 306 (LRB-0711/1)**

Amendment No. if Applicable

**Subject**

The prohibition of certain billing practices for consumer goods or services and lawn care service contracts

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
      Permissive       Mandatory  
 2.  Decrease Costs  
      Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
      Permissive       Mandatory  
 4.  Decrease Revenues  
      Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

- Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

s. 20.550 (1)(d)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

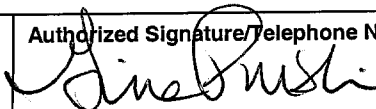
This bill makes it a crime, punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$5,000 and/or imprisonment up to one year, to violate certain laws related to unfair billing practices or lawn care service contracts. Because this bill creates a new crime, it is possible that the State Public Defender's Office would handle additional cases upon enactment of this bill. The SPD cannot, however, predict the number of cases it may handle if this bill is passed. The number of additional cases handled by the SPD would depend upon (1) the number of persons who are charged with the crime created in the bill and (2) of those who are charged, the number of persons who would qualify for SPD representation.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Indeterminate at this time.

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