

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Subject State traffic patrol officer and inspector investigations		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2001 AB 737 provides a clarification of current statutory authority for Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP) troopers and inspectors. It amends s.110.07(2m) and s.110.07(4), Wis.Stats., to state that WSP troopers and inspectors may conduct investigations of crimes relating to traffic violations as part of the authorized enforcement powers. WSP troopers and inspectors have enforcement authority, by statute, under s.968.07 (general arrest authority by a law enforcement officer), Wis.Statutes, but do not have investigative authority for crimes covered under Chapters 939-948, Wis.Stats. The primary duties of WSP troopers and inspectors is the enforcement of traffic laws as identified in Chapters 340 - 351 or any other law relating to the use operation of vehicles on the highway.

The AB 737 proposed amendments to Chapter 110, Wis.Stats, are not a change in or expansion of existing WSP authority, so will not have any effect on WSP operations, policies, practices, expenses or revenues.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

none