



Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 5/24/2007

LRB Number 07-1887/1	Introduction Number SB-120	Estimate Type Original
<b>Description</b>		
Relating to: enforcement of motor vehicle safety belt violations and providing a penalty		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill authorizes a law enforcement officer to stop a vehicle solely to determine compliance with safety belt use requirements, provided the officer has reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation has occurred.

In addition, this bill increases the penalty for safety belt violations from the current \$10 forfeiture to \$25 for 1st offenders and from \$10 to \$50-\$75 for offenders with at least one prior safety belt conviction within 3 years.

As under current law, safety belt convictions would not result in additional costs, fees or assessments that apply to most traffic offenses (i.e. 26% penalty assessment, \$18 jail assessment/crime lab drug assessment, \$80 justice information fee/court support fee, \$25 circuit court costs).

According to DOT records, 73,827 people were convicted of safety belt violations in 2006; for purposes of this Fiscal Estimate, it is assumed that 20% of the 73,827 safety belt convictions in 2006 were repeat offenses (within 3 years).

It is assumed the bill will lead to greater compliance with the safety belt use law, resulting in a 25% reduction in the number of safety belt convictions.

It is further assumed that the Uniform Deposit Schedule will be adjusted to reflect the higher minimum forfeiture (\$50) for repeat violations.

It is also assumed that safety belt violators, like most traffic law violators, do (and will continue to) actually pay only 75% of all forfeitures imposed on them.

The bill delays the effective date of the changes until the first day of the 7th month following publication. However, this Fiscal Estimate calculates the annual fiscal implications of the bill.

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The annual revenue impacts are estimated to be as follows:

Annual Safety Belt-related forfeiture revenues under CURRENT LAW

1st and Subsequent offense:  $73,827 \times \$10 \times .75$  payment rate = \$553,703  
(\*50% to the Common School Fund & 50% to the county in which the violation occurs\*)

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Annual Safety Belt-related forfeiture revenues under PROPOSED LAW

1st offense:  $73,827 \times \$25 \times .80$  1st offender rate  $\times .75$  payment rate  $\times .75$  (25% fewer convictions) = \$830,554

2nd and subsequent offense:  $73,827 \times \$50 \times .20$  repeat offender rate  $\times .75$  payment rate  $\times .75$  (25% fewer convictions) = \$415,277

Total: \$1,245,831  
(\*50% to the Common School Fund & 50% to the county in which the violation occurs\*)

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**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	346,064	
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$346,064</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$346,064	\$346,064
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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