

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-0263/1	Introduction Number	AB-0587	Estimate Type	Original
Description Seizure and forfeiture of a vehicle used to transport a corpse					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the list of types of vehicles that may be subject to forfeiture under s. 973.075, Stats. That statute allows the court to order real or personal property to be forfeited if it is directly or indirectly derived from or realized through the commission of any crime.

AB 587 would add vehicles used to transport a corpse with the intent to conceal a crime or avoid apprehensive or prosecution to the current list of vehicles that may be subject to forfeiture.

If there is an effort to seize and seek forfeiture of such a vehicle, then additional court proceedings could be generated under the terms of this bill. It is impossible to predict how frequently that may happen. It is expected that existing court staff would absorb any additional proceedings.

In addition, the seizure and forfeiture of property is the responsibility of law enforcement and the property seized is deemed to be in the custody of the sheriff. This bill could result in additional responsibilities and expenditures for law enforcement and for sheriff's offices. Some or all of those expenditures may be recouped by other statutory provisions that allow for administrative expenses to be deducted from the sale of forfeited property. It is impossible to predict how much might be expended and how much might be recouped.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications