

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 11-2993/1	Introduction Number SB-261	Estimate Type Original
Description Operating certain three-vehicle combinations on highways		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law generally prohibits any person from operating a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless an exception applies, or the operator holds an appropriate permit issued by DOT. DOT may issue permits for recreational three-vehicle combinations that consist of a towing vehicle, an RV or camping trailer, and a trailer used as a personal recreational vehicle, with overall length not to exceed 65 feet.

This bill allows certain recreational three-vehicle combinations to be operated on a highway without a permit. The operator must be at least 18 years of age to operate a three-vehicle combination not exceeding 70 feet in length. The towing unit must be equipped with a 5th wheel and kingpin connection. The second vehicle must be a recreational vehicle or camping trailer. The third vehicle must be a trailer, a trailer carrying any vehicle for recreational use, or a vehicle carrying equestrian equipment or supplies.

FISCAL EFFECT

DOT issued an average of 1,500 three-vehicle combination permits annually over the past 3 years. The permits range in price from \$25 (consecutive monthly 3-month minimum) to \$40 for an annual permit, with an average issuance price of \$35.25. The three year average annual permit revenue is \$52,875.

DOT Transportation Customer Representative (TCR) Advanced staff spend an average of 6 minutes processing these permits. This results in an average of 9,000 minutes of processing time annually, or 150 hours (0.09 FTE). Including salary and fringe benefits, current three-vehicle combination permit processing has a net FTE cost of \$5,340.

The number of permit holders who would no longer require a three-vehicle combination permit under this proposal is unknown. The total number is not anticipated to be substantial. The projected fiscal effect is indeterminate, but will likely result in lost revenue. Furthermore, current legislation has passed both houses that repeals the recreational three-vehicle combination permit.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.