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Description release of person after arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated						
Fiscal Effect						
Appropriations Reven	ase Existing absorb	se Costs - May be possible to within agency's budget Yes No se Costs				
Local: No Local Government Costs Indeterminate 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory Permiss 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Permiss	se Revenue Sive Mandatory Se Revenue Units Aff Tow Cou	vns Village XCities Inties Others Ool WTCS				
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a person arrested for certain OWI-related offenses may not be released from police custody until 12 hours have elapsed from the time of arrest, or until a chemical test shows that the person has an alcohol concentration of less than 0.04 or they are being released to their attorney, spouse, relative or other responsible adult (responsible party). This bill would eliminate the option of releasing the person to a responsible party.

The proposal would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State Patrol operations. There is a potential for increased costs if troopers would encounter increased time transporting those arrested for alcohol concentration chemical testing resulting from the elimination of the ability to release the person to a responsible party.

In 2017, State Patrol arrested 1847 individuals suspected of drunk or impaired driving, but kept no statistics on the placement after arrest. If 20% of those arrested were released to family members, this bill will require the transport and detention of 369 arrestees. Each custody is estimated to require one hour of trooper time, for a total impact of 0.18 FTE.

The proposal would have a similar indeterminate fiscal impact on local governments. It generally appears the number of people who are arrested for OWI-related offenses and released to a responsible party is not tracked. Therefore, the amount of increased staff time and facility costs from potential additional jail time resulting from the elimination of ability to release those arrested for OWI-related charges to a responsible party cannot be calculated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications