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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Jennings DATE TYPED: 2/13/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Vehicle Disabling Devices on Ramps SB 403

ANALYST: Reynolds-Forte

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$100.0			Non-Recur	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
State Highway and Transportation Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 403 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department for FY04 to study the feasibility of installing vehicle disabling devices on entrance and exit ramps in order to disable vehicles that are going the wrong way.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$100.0 in general fund the State Highway Department for the FY04 fiscal year. Funds not encumbered or expended by the end of FY 04 will revert.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Wrong way driving is a serious and ongoing issue. The Department's Research Bureau has considered this subject in the past, and it would be helpful to update previous efforts by examining new technology. Highway District 6, Grants/Milan, has expressed an interest in being a lead District in wrong-way driving technology research and development. If this bill were enacted, the study would be undertaken by the Research Bureau, with District 6 as the lead District, and in cooperation with the General Office and each District across the State.

AMENDMENTS

The State Highway and Transportation Department suggests that language be added to the bill to allow the study to include the feasibility of wrong way detection as well as disabling of vehicles.

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