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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/07

SPONSOR HCPAC LAST UPDATED 3/05/07 HB CS/475/aHJC#1/aHJC#2

SHORT TITLE Motor Vehicle Insurance Violations SB _____

ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HJC #2 Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee (HJC) amendment corrects the technical error in HJC's first amendment. By that correction, the amendment reduces the proposed penalty to \$75 from \$150 for failure to meet the requirements of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act.

Synopsis of HJC #1 Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee (HJC) amendment strikes language restricting the court's ability to suspend or defer fines. There is a technical error in the amendment: Item 2 references page 10 instead of page 12.

Synopsis of Original Bill

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee substitute for House Bill 475 would establish a flat fine of \$150, and provides that the fine shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement, for failure to meet the requirements of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act.

The bill would require law enforcement officers to cite any driver not showing proof of compliance with the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act and would permit law enforcement to check for compliance in a computer database of motor vehicle information.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. Revenue collected from these penalty assessments is deposited to the General Fund. It is possible that lowering the fine from a maximum of \$300 to a flat \$150 could lower the amount of revenue deposited in the state treasury.

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