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Bill Number:	H. 3748	Introduced on January 19, 2023
Author:	Caskey	
Subject:	Geodetic Control Monuments	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill creates a misdemeanor offense for intentionally removing or destroying land surveying monuments which are established by federal, state, local, and private agencies. This misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or a fine of not more than \$500.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates that this bill may result in an increase in local expenditures due to a potential increase in the local jail population resulting from the newly created misdemeanor. However, as the number of such offenses that might occur in a given year is unknown, the potential increase in the local jail population and local expenditure is undetermined.

As this bill creates a new offense, this may result in an increase of General Fund, Other Funds and local fine revenue. However, as the number of such offenses and the resulting fines and fees that might occur in a given year is unknown, the revenue impact is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 19, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill creates a misdemeanor offense for intentionally removing or destroying land surveying monuments which are established by federal, state, local, and private agencies and establishes a penalty schedule that includes fines or imprisonment. This offense is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

Judicial reports that implementation of the bill may result in an increase in magistrate and municipal court caseloads, which can be managed using existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, the bill will result in no expenditure impact for Judicial.

State Revenue

This bill may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates

this bill may result in an undetermined increase to General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court.

Local Expenditure

RFA anticipates that this bill may result in an increase in local expenditures due to a potential increase in the local jail population resulting from the newly created misdemeanor. However, as the number of such offenses that might occur in a given year is unknown, the potential increase in the local jail population and local expenditure is undetermined.

Local Revenue

RFA anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined increase to local revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds.



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