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Bill Number: S. 0304 Introduced on January 10, 2023
Author: Turner
Subject: Enhanced Penalty for Slow Drivers in Left Lane
Requestor: Senate Transportation
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: January 23, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill increases the fine for the unlawful travel of a vehicle in the farthest left-hand lane of a controlled access highway by \$75, from \$25 to \$100, which will increase Other Funds revenue for the State Highway within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) by \$25,560 beginning in FY 2023-24.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2023

State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

This bill increases the fine for the unlawful travel of a vehicle in the farthest left-hand lane of a controlled access highway from \$25 to \$100 and requires that \$75 of each fine collected be credited to the State Highway Patrol within DPS.

This bill will increase Other Funds revenue for the State Highway Patrol within DPS due to the \$75 increase in the fine for offenders convicted in magistrate and municipal courts. In FY 2021-22, DPS issued 342 tickets for unlawful travel of a vehicle in the farthest left-hand lane.

Assuming that the same number of tickets are issued by DPS going forward, the estimated total amount of Other Funds revenue that could be generated for DPS is \$25,560 beginning in FY 2023-24.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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