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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0280 Introduced on January 28, 2025
Subject: Safety Belts, Evidence Admissibility in Civil Action
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: January 31, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows a violation of Article 48 in Chapter 5 of Title 56, regarding safety belts, to be considered negligence per se or contributory negligence, and the violation is admissible as evidence in a civil action.

Judicial indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact as any change to the caseload in court due to this bill can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill allows a violation of Article 48 in Chapter 5 of Title 56, regarding safety belts, to be considered negligence per se or contributory negligence, and the violation is admissible as evidence in a civil action.

Currently, a violation of Article 48 in Chapter 5 of Title 56 is not negligence per se or contributory negligence, and the violation is not admissible as evidence in a civil action. By removing these provisions, this bill allows such actions.

Judicial indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact as any change to the caseload in court due to this bill can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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