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Bill Number:	S. 0767 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject:	Vehicle Glass Repair Procedures
Requestor:	Senate Banking and Insurance
RFA Analyst(s):	Vesely
Impact Date:	March 18, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill modifies the responsibilities of an insurer or its third-party administrators related to when the insured has a glass repair, replacement, and advanced driver assistance system (ADAS) recalibration services. The Department of Insurance (DOI) is tasked with establishing and maintaining compliance and audit programs to ensure insurers follow these requirements. Every insurer and third-party administrator engaged in motor vehicle glass claims shall pay an annual compliance fee of no more than $500 per year assessed and collected by DOI, to be deposited into a fund for the automobile glass insurance fund. Further, this bill creates a misdemeanor for violations of the provisions within the bill and establishes grounds for a civil action in certain instances.

This bill may result in an increase in the number of circuit court cases, which may increase the workload of the court system. The potential increase in expenses for the court system will depend upon the increase in the number of cases. Judicial anticipates being able to manage the additional workload within existing appropriations. However, if this bill results in a significant increase in the workload, then an increase in General Fund appropriations may be requested.

DOI anticipates an increase in expenses of $97,000 beginning in FY 2026-27. This includes salary and fringe totaling $87,000 for 1.0 FTE and $10,000 for office supplies and other costs for the FTE. This bill establishes a compliance fee that is to be used to offset DOI expenses. However, the agency notes it may request additional General Fund appropriations if the Other Funds revenue does not completely offset the annual expenses.

This bill will result in an increase in Other Funds revenue collected by DOI due to the newly established annual compliance fee, which may not exceed $500. DOI may set the fee by regulation at a level sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of administration and enforcement. The amount of revenue to be collected will depend upon amount of the fees set by DOI and the number of entities subject to the fee.

This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in a change to local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure
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Department of Insurance. DOI anticipates the need to hire 1.0 FTE, a rates analyst, at a salary cost of $61,000 and benefits cost of $26,000 for a total cost of $87,000 to manage the additional responsibilities established by this bill. Also, DOI anticipates operating costs of $10,000 for office supplies, a computer, office rent, and other operating expenses due to this bill. Therefore, this bill will result in an increase in expenses for DOI of $97,000 beginning in FY 2026-27. These expenses will be offset by the newly established Other Funds revenue for compliance fees to be charged by DOI. However, the agency notes that if the Other Funds revenue is insufficient to cover the increase in expenses, it may request additional General Fund appropriations. Also for information, DOI notes that, depending upon the number of entities that are subject to the compliance and audit overview established by this bill, the agency may also need to hire an additional investigator at a future date.

State Revenue
This bill requires every insurer and third-party administrator engaged in motor vehicle glass claims to pay an annual compliance fee. DOI may set the amount of the fee by regulation, at an amount, not to exceed $500, at a level sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of administration and enforcement. This bill also establishes fines for the violation of the newly created misdemeanor.

This bill will result in an increase in Other Funds revenue. The amount of revenue to be collected will depend upon the amount of the fee set by DOI and the number of entities subject to the fee. For information, DOI estimates that there are over 500 insurers that will be monitored due to this bill.

This bill may result in a change 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 a change to the General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

Local Expenditure
N/A

Local Revenue
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