

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1494 - SB 1763

March 18, 1999

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows use of photographic equipment in identifying persons violating speed zones, traffic control devices, railroad crossings, and school zones. The bill defines an automated enforcement system, specifies where they may be used, and **requires** they be certified by the Department of Safety prior to use. The camera photographs the license plate on the vehicle and the driver. In the prosecution of such violation, proof that the vehicle described in the citation was used in the violation, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of the violation the registered owner of the vehicle, creates the presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the violator.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$200,000 Recurring
Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - Less than \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Less than \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- At least one local government will use photographic equipment for motor vehicle violations. Such equipment is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- The Department of Safety will be required to certify that the system meets performance specifications and test protocols established by the department. Additional equipment expenses will be incurred by the department.
- Photographic equipment will not require the need to issue front license plates on vehicles registered in Tennessee.
- The Department of Safety will manually take a tag number and name and generate a driver license number or date of birth to post violations issued by using such photographic equipment. This will require additional positions and related costs to update such systems.

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The above estimate will be significantly greater if several local governments use such photographic equipment, if front license plates are needed and if the Department of Safety has to link the motor vehicle registration data base with the driver license data base. A summary of some of these costs are shown below:

<u>Department of Safety</u>	<u>Recurring</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
License plates and decals	\$2,300,000	\$9,000,000
Personnel (8 Electronic Technicians)	170,000	
Bucket trucks to check devices		600,000
Link registration data base and driver license data base	up to \$5,000,000	Up to \$15,000,000

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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