

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1659 - SB 1968**

February 29, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes requirement that local courts report speeding convictions to Department of Safety (DOS), unless the conviction is a third or subsequent violation. Requires court costs, including any statutory fees of officers, and litigation taxes to be assessed against a person that fails to appear in court for a traffic citation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – \$101,900**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Potential reductions of federal highway funding if the provisions of the bill place the state out of compliance with federal highway regulations. The extent and timing of any such impact cannot be reasonably quantified.**

Assumptions:

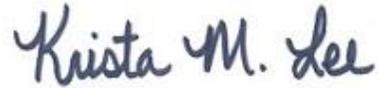
- Not reporting first and second speeding convictions will reduce the number of driver license suspensions related to DOS's Driver Improvement Points System and Serious Offense suspensions for Commercial Driver License (CDL) drivers and non-commercial licensed drivers.
- Based on information provided by DOS, an average of 37 CDL drivers and an average of 743 non-commercial drivers would not be suspended under the provisions of this bill.
- The CDL reinstatement fee is \$150; and the reinstatement fee for non-commercial drivers is \$115.
- Approximately 50 percent of all suspended CDL drivers, or 19 (37 x 0.5), pay an additional \$28 renewal fee at the time of reinstatement; and fifty percent of all suspended non-commercial drivers, or 372 (743 x 0.5), pay the additional \$28 renewal fee at the time of reinstatement.
- All reinstatement and renewal fees are deposited to the General Fund.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the General Fund is estimated to be \$101,943 [(37 x \$150) + (743 x \$115) + (19 x \$28) + (372 x \$28)].
- Requiring court costs to be assessed against a person that fails to appear in court for a traffic citation is not expected to significantly impact local revenue or expenditures.

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- DOS reports the provisions of the bill could place the state out of compliance with federal regulations that could impact federal highway funds. The extent of any potential impact is not known and cannot be reasonably determined.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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