



[HF 2639](#) – Speeding Fines, Rural Emergency Services Funding (LSB2337HZ)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2639](#) increases the fines for speeding in certain situations. The Bill increases the fine for each mile per hour of excessive speed over 20 miles per hour (mph) over the limit from \$5 to \$10. The mile-per-hour fine is in addition to the \$100 base fine. The Bill also increases the fine for speeding more than 25 mph over the limit in a road work zone from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The additional revenue will be remitted to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund established in Iowa Code section [135.25](#) and directed toward providing emergency medical services in rural, underserved areas of the State.

Background

Under current law, driving in excess of 20 mph over the speed limit incurs a \$100 fine plus an additional \$5 for each mph over 20 mph. The current fine for driving in excess of 25 mph over the speed limit in a road work zone is \$1,000. Convictions for driving over 20 mph over the limit totaled 8,104 in FY 2018 and 7,341 in FY 2019. Convictions for driving over 25 mph over the limit in a road work zone totaled 20 in FY 2018 and 24 in FY 2019.

A 35.0% Criminal Penalty Surcharge is applied to each fine, 95.0% of which is remitted to the State. Of the State's share, 83.0% is remitted to the General Fund while 17.0% goes to the Victim Compensation Fund. The remaining 5.0% is allocated to the county or city where the violation occurred. Court costs are estimated to be \$60 per violation.

Assumptions

- In FY 2021 there will be approximately 7,700 convictions for speeding in excess of 20 mph over the limit.
- In FY 2021 there will be approximately 22 convictions for speeding in excess of 25 mph over the limit in a road work zone.
- A lag time of six months is assumed from the effective date of the Bill to the date of the first fines collected. The collection rate for the scheduled violation is estimated to be 61.0%.

Correctional Impact

[House File 2639](#) is estimated to have a minimal correctional impact. Refer to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 16, 2020, for information related to the correctional system.

Minority Impact

Convictions issued under Iowa Code section [321.285](#) are displayed in the table below. Refer to the LSA memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Minority Impact Statement](#), dated January 15, 2020, for information related to minorities in the criminal justice system. Race and ethnicity data collected on scheduled traffic violations is determined by the officer when the citation is issued.

Convictions by Ethnicity, Penalties Amended by HF 658								
	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Nat. Am.	Other	Unknown	Total
2018	5,096	1,301	232	75	33	386	1,001	8,124
2019	4,504	1,174	205	63	23	353	1,043	7,365

Fiscal Impact

Revenue from the increased fines in [House File 2639](#) will be deposited in the EMS Fund. While the number of mph increments of excess speed over 20 mph over the limit is unknown, the tables below provide revenue estimates from the increased fines for two scenarios:

- Scenario 1: For 7,700 convictions of 1 mph over the 20-mph threshold, and 22 convictions for excessive speed over 25 mph over the limit in a road work zone.
- Scenario 2: For 7,700 convictions of 5 mph over the 20-mph threshold, and 22 convictions for excessive speed over 25 mph over the limit in a road work zone.

Scenario 1 – Revenue Compared to Current Law					
Assumes 7,700 Violations for Speeding 21 MPH Over the Limit					
	Current Law	FY 2021	Increase	FY 2022	Increase
EMS Fund Revenue	\$ 506,600	\$ 521,700	\$ 15,100	\$ 536,800	\$ 30,200
Surcharge Distribution					
General Fund	139,800	143,950	4,150	148,100	8,300
Victim Comp. Fund	28,600	29,450	850	30,300	1,700
Local Jurisdiction	8,900	9,150	250	9,400	500
Surcharge Total	177,300	182,550	5,250	187,800	10,500
Grand Total	\$ 683,900	\$ 704,250	\$ 20,350	\$ 724,600	\$ 40,700

Scenario 2 – Revenue Compared to Current Law					
Assumes 7,700 Violations for Speeding 25 MPH Over the Limit					
	Current Law	FY 2021	Increase	FY 2022	Increase
EMS Fund Revenue	\$ 600,500	\$ 662,600	\$ 62,100	\$ 724,700	\$ 124,200
Surcharge Distribution					
General Fund	165,700	182,850	17,150	200,000	34,300
Victim Comp. Fund	33,900	37,450	3,550	41,000	7,100
Local Jurisdiction	10,500	11,600	1,100	12,700	2,200
Surcharge Total	210,100	231,900	21,800	253,700	43,600
Grand Total	\$ 810,600	\$ 894,500	\$ 83,900	\$ 978,400	\$ 167,800

Sources

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division, Department of Human Rights
LSA calculations

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
