

Speed Limit Bill House File 826

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**Senate Transportation
Committee**
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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to the speed limit for vehicular traffic on highways, the fines for violations, and court costs for simple misdemeanor offenses and providing a fee and making appropriations.

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FUNDING SUMMARY

SPEED LIMIT INCREASE

SPEEDING FINE INCREASE

COURT COST INCREASE

STATE PATROL VEHICLE
DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT

- In FY 2006, HF 826 generates \$7.0 million in additional revenue from the increase in court costs. The Bill also generates an estimated \$684,000 in speeding fine revenue and \$108,000 in surcharge revenue.
- Increases the speed limit on Interstate highways from 65 m.p.h. to 70 m.p.h. for all vehicles. The Bill also broadens the authority of the Department of Transportation to establish a lower speed limit on any portion of a divided, multi-lane highway, including Interstates.
- Increases the fines for speeding in zones greater than 55 m.p.h. as follows:
 - Increases from \$10 to \$20 for speeding fines one to five miles over.
 - Increases from \$20 to \$40 for speeding fines six to ten miles over.
 - Increases from \$40 to \$60 for speeding fines 11 to 15 miles over.
 - Increases from \$60 to \$80 for speeding fines 16 to 20 miles over.
 - Increases from \$60 to \$90 for speeding fines in excess of 20 miles over, plus an increase from \$2 to \$5 for each mile per hour of excessive speed.
- Increases the court cost for filing and docketing of a complaint or information for a simple misdemeanor with the Judicial Branch from \$17 to \$30. The Judicial Branch retains the first \$7.0 million for operations. Revenues above that level are deposited into the General Fund.
- Allocates a portion of the additional speeding fine and surcharge revenue from the State Court Administrator's Office to the State Patrol for the purchase of vehicles until June 30, 2009. The remaining surcharge revenue will be retained by local governments. The Department of Public Safety is required to use a portion of the vehicle depreciation funds to replace State Patrol vehicles used by canine handlers with multipurpose vehicles equipped for canine transport when the existing vehicles are due for replacement.
- The cars estimated to be purchased as a result of this Bill are as follows:
 - FY 2006 = 28 cars
 - FY 2007 = 34 cars
 - FY 2008 = 40 cars
 - FY 2009 = 40 cars

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FISCAL IMPACT

- The estimated fiscal impact to change the speed limit signs will range from \$124,000 to \$248,000, including labor, maintenance, and equipment. Costs would be paid from the Primary Road Fund.
- In FY 2006, \$7.0 million will be allocated to the Judicial Branch, \$596,000 will be allocated to the State Patrol Vehicle Depreciation Fund, approximately \$19,000 will be deposited into the Victim Compensation Fund, and approximately \$177,000 will be received by local governments.

COLLECTION RATES

- The collection rates applied to the court cost increase are as follows:
 - FY 2006 = 72.8%
 - FY 2007 = 82.5%
 - FY 2008 = 93.5%
- The following collection rates were applied to the fine and surcharge amounts:

<u>Speeding Over 55 m.p.h.</u>	<u>Collection Rates</u>		
	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
1 to 5 m.p.h over	95.6%	98.7%	99.3%
6 to 10 m.p.h. over	94.3%	98.0%	98.5%
11 to 15 m.p.h. over	79.6%	90.8%	98.8%
16 to 20 m.p.h. over	39.6%	56.0%	87.6%
Over 20 m.p.h.	52.0%	72.0%	92.1%

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Additional Speeding Fine Revenue Generated By HF 826

	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
State Fines					
State	\$ 512,000	\$ 582,000	\$ 653,000	\$ 653,000	\$ 653,000
Local Governments	172,000	196,000	220,000	220,000	220,000
Total	<u>\$ 684,000</u>	<u>\$ 778,000</u>	<u>\$ 873,000</u>	<u>\$ 873,000</u>	<u>\$ 873,000</u>
Surcharge					
State	\$ 84,000	\$ 127,000	\$ 188,000	\$ 188,000	\$ 188,000
Victim Compensation Fund	19,000	28,000	41,000	41,000	41,000
Local Governments	5,000	8,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total	<u>\$ 108,000</u>	<u>\$ 163,000</u>	<u>\$ 241,000</u>	<u>\$ 241,000</u>	<u>\$ 241,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u><u>\$ 792,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 941,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,114,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,114,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,114,000</u></u>
State Patrol Vehicle Account	\$ 596,000	\$ 709,000	\$ 841,000	\$ 841,000	

Increasing Simple Misdemeanor Court Costs from \$17 to \$30

	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
Judicial Branch	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
General Fund	-	900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000
	<u>\$ 7,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,900,000</u>