LEGISLATIVE INCARCERATION FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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SENATE BILL NO. 59

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE TRAFFICKING OF VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND DECALS, TO PROHIBIT AND PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF A VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE OR DECAL, AND TO IMPOSE A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR FORGING CERTAIN VEHICLE REGISTRATION CARDS.

A legislative incarceration fiscal impact statement has been requested on SB59 due to an increase of a penalty and the establishment of new penalties.

The misdemeanor penalty in this Act is an administrative misdemeanor. Its purpose is to enforce compliance with the provisions to which it adheres. The offense is not likely to be criminally prosecuted, and in the rare case that it is, it is not likely to result in a jail sentence. Hence, its impact on jail populations is negligible.

The felony penalty in this Act is a true mens rea crime, and, if prosecuted, could well result in a jail sentence. However, violations are likely to be rare. Hence, its impact on jail populations is statistically irrelevant.

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