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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6748
BILL NUMBER: HB 1203

DATE PREPARED: Dec 11, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Vehicle registration and driving while intoxicated.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a court to impound the certificate of registration and license plate of a vehicle owned by or registered to a person who is convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated if the court recommends suspension of the person's license. It allows a person who has had a license plate impounded to receive a probationary license plate from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that contains a unique series of letters and numbers that may be identified by a law enforcement officer. The bill provides that a law enforcement officer may stop at any time a vehicle that displays a probationary license plate.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will require start-up costs for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles estimated at \$38,760. These costs consist of computer changes for the new license plate estimated at \$32,130; computer changes for restricted issuance of the plate estimated at \$5,508; and the plate design estimated at \$1,122. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These costs can be absorbed within their current budget.

There may be on-going costs for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles if they are unable to charge for the issuance of the new plate to offset any costs they incur. The plate costs \$2.60 to make. The specific impact will depend upon the number of plates issued and whether the BMV is allowed to charge for the plate. The proposal allows the BMV to adopt rules to implement the proposal.

For the State Police and the Conservation Officers of the Department of Natural Resources, there may be additional vehicle stops because of the provisions of this bill. The specific impact is indeterminable and will depend upon the number of such vehicle stops. The funds affected for the State Police are the State General Fund, the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, and the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund, all of which support the State Police. For the Conservation Officers, the funds affected are the State General Fund and the Fish

and Wildlife Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: For local law enforcement officers, the provisions of this bill may result in more vehicle stops. The specific impact is indeterminable and will depend upon the number of such stops.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; State Police, and Conservation Officers.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

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