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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1274

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BILL AMENDED: Apr 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Accident Response Service Fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Herrell

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Bray

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Accident Response Service Fees:* The bill prohibits political subdivisions or local law enforcement agencies of political subdivisions from imposing or collecting an accident response service fee on or from the driver of a motor vehicle or any other person involved in a motor vehicle accident.

Accident Report Fee Analysis: The bill requires the Superintendent of the State Police Department to biennially produce a report analyzing the costs associated with operation of a vehicle crash records system as compared to the costs of having a private vendor operate a vehicle crash records system. The bill permits the Superintendent to adopt rules to increase the accident report fee based on the results of the analysis.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Accident Report Fee Analysis:* The Indiana State Police (ISP) would have to report and subsequently develop any necessary rule changes regarding the vehicle crash records system within the existing resources of the ISP.

Background: Accident reports are available through the Indiana State Police or its vendor for a fee of \$12 per report, or 100 reports for \$1,000. (Subscription fees are negotiated with the vendor.) The ISP receives 10% of all fees collected. Revenues from accident reports are placed in the state Accident Report Account to be expended by the State Police Superintendent for purposes related to the keeping of accident reports and records or the prevention of street and highway accidents.

The ISP contracted with a vendor to develop and maintain the statewide accident report data base in August 2006. Included in the contract is an exhibit with the fees that may be charged for individual reports and for bulk rates. Prior to the contract, the ISP sold the reports directly. On average between FY 2001 and FY 2006, annual revenues to the account were \$96,275, representing about 32,086 reports based on the prior \$3 fee. Based on this volume, assuming each report sells for \$12, the ISP would receive \$38,520 annually.

Actual Fees from Providing Accident Reports and Estimated Number of Reports Provided FY 2001 to FY 2006 (Assumes \$3 per report)						
Fiscal Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Revenue (Actual)	\$107,931	\$99,477	\$89,153	\$102,039	\$90,268	\$88,673
No. of Reports (Est'd)*	35,977	33,159	29,718	34,013	30,089	29,558
*During the period shown in the table, state statute had a floor price of \$3. The floor was raised during the 2006 legislative session to \$5 which would have effect in FY 2007.						

The ISP reverted \$2.5 M back to the state General Fund at the conclusion of FY 2006.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana State Police, State Budget Agency: *FY2006 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries.*

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