

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a penalty for persons who refuse to submit to a blood test or urine test as required by the Implied Consent Law.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A person can be charged with a traffic offense punishable of \$500-\$1000 for refusing to take a breath test. However, refusal to submit to a blood or urine test is not included under the current law. This measure corrects that omission. This will be particularly important in cases involving substances other than alcohol when a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is conducting an investigation for driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII).