

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Garrett, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger

Nays: 0

Exc.: Hicks

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases bad check fee from \$25 to \$35. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Retailers discouraged from accepting checks due to losses
- Flat fee versus “reasonable” capped fee
- Litigation regarding “reasonable”
- Disproportionate impact of flat fee on poor
- Snowball effect of accumulated charges

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The cap of \$25.00 for dishonored checks has been in place for twenty-two years. House Bill 2678 increases this amount to a flat fee of \$35.00.