

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 8 - 1 - 0  
Yeas: Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick  
Nays: Weidner  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Makes smoking in a vehicle with a minor a Class D traffic violation and enforceable only as a secondary offense. Increases violation to a Class C traffic violation on subsequent offenses.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Health impacts of child exposure to secondhand smoke
- High concentration of toxic chemicals when smoking in car
- Over 20% of K-12 children and youth exposed to secondhand smoke in cars
- Asthma is the leading cause of school absenteeism and is aggravated by secondhand smoke

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, hundreds of which are toxic and about 70 which are known carcinogens. Children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to have ear infections, asthma attacks, respiratory symptoms and infections and are at an increased risk for heart disease.

Senate Bill 444A makes smoking with a minor in the vehicle a Class D traffic violation, and increases to a Class C violation on subsequent offenses. The bill only allows for enforcement if the driver was already stopped and detained for another traffic violation.