

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sHB-7132

## AN ACT CONCERNING NON-SAFETY-RELATED TRAFFIC STOPS AND DRIVING WHILE CONSUMING CANNABIS.

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
State Revenues	Various - Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: Various=Various; GF=General Fund

#### ***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill decreases the standard for what constitutes certain license plate, headlight, or windshield equipment violations, which results in a potential decrease in revenue to the state from fines.<sup>1</sup>

The bill also allows officers to stop motor vehicles for violating laws against using cannabis in a vehicle which results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines.<sup>2</sup> On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600<sup>3</sup> each year for adults and

<sup>1</sup> In FY 24, there were 2,732 charges recorded and \$73,150 in associated revenue collected under CGS §§ 14-18(a)(2), 14-96y, and 14-99f.

<sup>2</sup> In FY 24, there were 5 charges recorded and \$250 in associated revenue collected under CGS §§ 53a-213a and 53a-213b.

<sup>3</sup> Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is

\$450 each year for juveniles.

The bill makes various other changes to motor vehicle violations laws that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the actual number of violations and infractions.

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anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.