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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 374

DATE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Coalition to Support Indiana Seniors.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Coalition to Support Indiana Seniors. The bill provides that membership in the Coalition is granted to businesses that create a process that provides for an alternative payment date on which senior citizens may pay bills that are in conflict with Social Security, pension, or other retirement benefits.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires the Lieutenant Governor's office to maintain a list of coalition members. This list is to be published twice yearly by July 1 and December 1. The legislation does not specify the distribution method used for this list. Cost to the state may vary based upon distribution method selected and the number of businesses that join the coalition.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified - the Lieutenant Governor's office currently has 21 vacant positions; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Background:

The Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture (Agriculture) and the Indiana Department of Commerce (Commerce) maintain similar lists. The Agriculture list includes u-pick farms and farmers markets. This list currently contains 161 farms and is maintained in electronic format on the Agriculture website. (The agriculture list was previously printed as a paper pamphlet at a cost of \$0.40 per copy.) Cost to maintain the electronic list is minimal, however, initial startup costs were incurred by Agriculture.

Commerce maintains and publishes the *Get Out and Go* map. This map includes many different tourist attractions across the state. This list differs from Agriculture's in two ways: 1) it is a paper-based publication, and 2) the publication is self-supported through advertising - Commerce charges a fee to individuals included in the publication, while \$100 is charged annually for farms to be on the Agriculture list.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Lynne Fuller, Marketing Director, Department of Commerce - Tourism & Film Development Division, (317) 232-0165; Dee Dee Sigler, Communications Director, Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, (317) 233-2207.