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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7203**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1741

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 10, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Repair or Replacement of Corner or HARN Monuments.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Scholer

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Alting

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill specifies that written notice must be given to the county surveyor when a monument marking a corner is removed or buried while working on a state road. It also requires a person who damages or removes a monument marking a corner or a high accuracy reference network (HARN) point to reimburse the county for the expense of repairing or replacing the monument.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Currently, a person may temporarily remove a monument marking a corner if 30 days notice is given to the county surveyor. The person is responsible for replacing the monument at the person's expense. Also, a county legislative body may adopt an ordinance prohibiting a person from moving, changing, or altering a monument marking a corner and prescribing a monetary penalty for a violation of the ordinance. Any money collected from violation is to be deposited in the county surveyor's corner perpetuation fund.

This bill would require a person who damages or removes a monument marking a corner or HARN point to reimburse the county for the costs associated with repairing or replacing the monument. The bill also requires a person who violates a county's ordinance, as described above, to reimburse the replacement or repair costs in addition to the monetary penalty. The fiscal impact of this provision would be reduced expenditures related to repairing or replacing monuments marking corners.

Advance notice is also currently required when a monument must be removed or buried during the construction or maintenance of a county or municipal road or street. This bill expands this requirement to include state roads and streets. This provision should have minimal impact on the county surveyor.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County Surveyors.

**Information Sources:**

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