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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7573**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1692**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2005**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Firearms in Locked Vehicles.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Koch

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill prohibits the adoption or enforcement of a policy or rule that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting an individual from legally possessing a firearm that is locked in the individual's motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is in or on the person's property. It excepts possession of a firearm on school property or on a school bus. The bill also authorizes a civil action for damages, costs, attorney's fees, and injunctive relief to remedy a violation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional civil actions occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if court fees are collected. A civil filing fee of \$100 would be assessed when a civil case is filed, 70% of which would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional civil actions occur, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources. The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$100 filing fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25%

would be deposited in the city or town general fund.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, city and town courts.

**Information Sources:**

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