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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7131

BILL NUMBER: HB 1353

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 14, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Feb 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Trademarks and service marks.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Walorski

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Bray

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill conforms certain provisions of the Indiana Trademark Act to the Model Trademark Act and repeals obsolete provisions of the Indiana Trademark Act. The bill specifies that a judicial or administrative interpretation of the Federal Trademark Act may be considered as persuasive authority in construing provisions of the Indiana Trademark Act. The bill also provides that a person's heirs, assigns, or estate may not claim a property interest in the right of publicity of a person if the publicity is related to the person's criminal involvement in a criminal offense.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Secretary of State:* This bill makes several changes to the manner in which the Secretary of State (SOS) administers trademark protections. It is estimated that the provision of this bill could be implemented by the SOS through use of existing staff and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill would give the SOS the discretion to set rules to prescribe the trademark application, recording, and related fees. Trademark fee revenue is currently deposited in the General Fund. Under current law, the fee to register a trademark for a ten-year period is \$10. The bill would reduce the length of the registration period to five years. The bill eliminates the statutory amount of the fee at \$10 and would allow the SOS to adopt rules to prescribe the fees.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Secretary of State.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts.

Information Sources:

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