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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7026
BILL NUMBER: HB 1170

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2007
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Littering.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goodin
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill makes depositing litter, filth, a putrid or unwholesome substance, or the contents of a toilet, catch basin, or grease trap: (1) from a watercraft; and (2) into or upon public waters or the banks of public waters; a Class A infraction instead of a Class B infraction.

The bill also makes littering a Class A infraction instead of a Class B infraction if refuse is placed or left in, on, or within 100 feet of a body of water that is under the jurisdiction of the: (1) Department of Natural Resources; or (2) United States Army Corps of Engineers.

It requires that a civil judgment of at least \$1,000 be imposed for these Class A infractions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Revenue to the state General Fund could increase if an infraction is changed from Class B to Class A. The maximum judgment for a Class B infraction is \$1,000, while the maximum judgment for a Class A infraction is \$10,000. Proceeds from infraction judgments are deposited in the state General Fund.

No additional revenue from court fees would be expected since the court fees are \$70 for both infraction types.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: No additional revenue from court fees would be expected since the court fees are \$70 for both infraction types.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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