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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6475
BILL NUMBER: HB 1318

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2007
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Funding for Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mays
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
State Revenues		1,732,000	1,732,000
State Expenditures			
Net Increase (Decrease)		1,732,000	1,732,000

Summary of Legislation: This bill eliminates the \$10 registration fee on motorcycles that is designated for deposit in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund. The bill increases court costs by \$8 for certain traffic offenses and infractions for deposit in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund. It repeals the law establishing the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund, and re-enacts the law under a different citation number to resolve a technical conflict between P.L.193-2007 and P.L.234-2007, which resulted in the addition of two different laws with the same citation number. The bill also makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund:* This bill establishes the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund to fund research on spinal cord and brain injuries under a new code section. The Fund currently exists. The Fund is administered by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and consists of appropriations, gifts and bequests, fees deposited in the Fund, and grants received from the federal government or private sources. Money in the Fund is continually appropriated and does not revert to the state General Fund at the end of a state fiscal year.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary- Net Revenue:* Considering both the increase in motor vehicle operating violations fees and the reduction in motorcycle registration fees, the bill would provide for an estimated \$1.73 M net increase in revenue to be deposited in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund.

Background Information-

Motor Vehicle Violation Fees: The bill requires a clerk to collect a fee of \$8 for each violation of certain motor vehicle operating regulations. Clerks should be able to do so within their existing level of resources.

The bill requires a clerk of a circuit court to distribute monthly to the Auditor of State the aforementioned fees for deposit in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) reports that during CY 2006 there were 435,684 persons who were found guilty of one of the specified motor vehicle operating violations. Assuming these numbers remain consistent, the Fund would receive approximately \$3.5 M in additional revenue.

Motorcycle Registration Fees: The bill also reduces the fee for the registration of a motorcycle by \$10; from \$27 to \$17. The \$10 amount is currently allocated to the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles reports that during CY 2006 there were 175,375 motorcycles registered in Indiana. Assuming these numbers remain consistent, the Fund would lose approximately \$1.75 M from the reduction in motorcycle registration fees. (The Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund has collected revenue of \$612,170 as of December 21, 2007.)

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Revenues*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health; Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Local Agencies Affected: Clerks of the Court.

Information Sources: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Auditor's Data base (fund/center 5230/124020).

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