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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6302**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1124

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 1, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Uniform Roadside Memorial Markers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crouch

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

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

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill: (1) requires under certain conditions the Department of Transportation (INDOT) to erect uniform roadside memorials for victims of fatal accidents involving intoxicated drivers; (2) requires a local governmental unit that erects memorials to conform to the standards of INDOT; and (3) provides that an individual who requests the erection of a roadside memorial is responsible for associated costs.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** INDOT estimates \$625 as start-up costs, along with the purchase of signs at \$92 each. Expenditures for signs will depend upon the number purchased as requested and paid for by members of decedents' immediate families. Vehicular fatalities have averaged 894 in Indiana over the last ten calendar years. In CY 2008, there were 214 fatalities as a result of intoxicated drivers (where the blood alcohol content (BAC) was > 0.001). Over the last ten years, these fatalities have averaged about 200. It is not known how many people would request a roadside memorial. A family member who makes a request is responsible for all costs associated with the purchase and erection of the memorial.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Expenditures for local units may increase if they elect to participate in the program, and expenditures will depend upon the number of signs purchased by local units. It is not known how many people would request a roadside memorial. The local unit may require the family member making the request to pay part or all of the costs associated with the purchase and creation of the memorial.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** INDOT.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Those local units which erect roadside memorials.

**Information Sources:** INDOT estimate, adjusted for inflation; Ryan Klitzsch, Indiana Criminal Justice (CJI); 317-232-1296; CJI reports on vehicular fatalities in Indiana for CY 1999 through CY 2008; and Traffic Fatalities in Collisions Involving Alcohol, 1999-2008.

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