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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7336

BILL NUMBER: SB 337

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 8, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Traffic Control Signals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Grooms

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Stemler

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that: (1) a person operating a vehicle entering an intersection or crosswalk facing a pedestrian hybrid beacon (beacon) may proceed without stopping if no indication is displayed on the beacon; and (2) in that instance the operator is not required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing that intersection within a crosswalk. The bill provides that when a yellow lens with an arrow illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes is used in a traffic signal, a person who operates a vehicle may turn only after yielding to oncoming traffic.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill provides new regulations governing traffic control signals and vehicle operation for beacons and intermittent flashing yellow arrows. Violation of these new provisions is punishable with a Class C infraction. To the extent this bill increases Class C infractions in the state, state revenue will increase.

Penalty Provision: The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely

to be small.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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