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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7336**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 337**

**NOTE PREPARED: May 5, 2011**

**BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Traffic Control Signals.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Grooms

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Stemler

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** 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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