

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB8

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Reynolds

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Motor vehicle registration, licensing, & certificates of title; offenses relating thereto, penalty.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill would raise the penalty, from a traffic infraction to a Class 1 misdemeanor, for displaying any registration card, certificate of title, or license plate or decal which is known to be fictitious or cancelled, revoked, suspended, or altered, or displaying any license plate or decal that is known to be currently issued for another vehicle. This bill also raises the penalty for failing or refusing to surrender any certificate of title, registration card, or license plate or decal which has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked from a traffic infraction to a Class 1 misdemeanor. Finally, this bill raises the penalty for using a false name or address in any application for the registration of any vehicle, for a certificate of title, or for any renewal or duplicate certificate, or knowingly making a false statement of material fact or concealing a material fact or committing a fraud in any registration application from a traffic infraction to a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are indeterminate.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. This proposal could result in an increase in the number of persons sentenced to jail.

There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2004), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$26.03 per inmate, per day in FY 2004.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Compensation Board, state and local law enforcement.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation
Secretary of Public Safety