Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number HB2822			
	House of Origi	n Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	☐ In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2.	Patron	Sickles		
3.	Committee	Counties, Cities and Towns		
4.	Title	Line of Duty Disability Benefits Fund		

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would require that the Commonwealth impose as a "taxable" cost the amount of \$25 upon any person convicted of operating a motor vehicle, engine, train or watercraft while impaired when such operation is the proximate cause of an accident or incident; reckless driving when such reckless driving is the proximate cause of an accident or incident; driving without a license or driving with a suspended or revoked license; and for improperly leaving the scene of an accident. Any amounts collected under these provisions would be deposited into the Line of Duty Disability Benefits Fund.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final

Based on FY 2005 information from the Department of Motor Vehicles, DPB estimates that there would be approximately 200,000 convictions annually for the offenses listed in the bill. If \$25 were to be paid for each conviction, than about \$5.0 million would be deposited into the Line of Duty Disability Benefits Fund on an annual basis.

- 7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes: Item 262 (Department of Accounts Transfer Payments).
- **8. Fiscal implications:** Item 262 B. of Chapter 3 (Appropriation Act) has already established the Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Trust Fund. The Fund is a trust fund managed by the Virginia Retirement System as required for Other Post Employment Benefit reporting requirements.
- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Accounts; Department of Accounts Transfer Payments
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: No
- **11. Other comments:** This bill is similar to HB 2007 and SB 1160 except for the recoverable cost of \$25 instead of \$50. Other bills for consideration by the General Assembly that impose assessments on vehicle operators for certain driver offenses include HB 2817, HB 2376, HB 2257, SB 1159, and SB 1196.

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