

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB161

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

**2. Patron:** Albo

**3. Committee:** Senate Transportation

**4. Title:** **Liquidated damage fees; fees to be paid by all abusive drivers on State highways.**

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would increase the fines related to certain driving offenses to a minimum penalty, ranging between \$2,250 and \$3,000, depending on the offense. The increased fines will be collected through the existing process in the courts and the funds will support the Literary Fund.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Unavailable. See Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation would set a minimum fine for certain driving offenses. The number of drivers charged and the exact fine charged to each offending driver is not readily available. Any additional revenue from the increased fines would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** Drivers who fail to pay the increased fines will have their licenses suspended. Additional convictions of driving on suspended licenses may have an impact on jail capacity.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation