Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB2578						
	House of Orig	gin	Introduced		Substitute		Engrossed
	Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee		Substitute	X	Enrolled
2.	Patron:	Howell, A.T.					
3.	Committee:	House Courts of Justice					
4.	Title:	Novelty lighters.					

- 5. Summary: The proposed legislation would provide that any person who knowingly sells, distributes, or gives a novelty lighter to a person he knows or has reason to know is a juvenile, is subject to a fine of no more than \$100. The bill would require such novelty lighters to be located in retail establishments in a place that is not open to the general public. The bill provides that the provisions may be enforced by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO), local fire marshals and local law-enforcement officers.
- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.
- 7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 407.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** The SFMO anticipates that the agency would not actively enforce the provisions of the bill and would defer enforcement to local law enforcement entities. As such, the provisions of the proposed legislation should not impact state programs.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Fire Programs
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety