

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2578

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

**2. Patron:** Howell, A.T.

**3. Committee:** Senate Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Lighters, sale to juveniles under age 12.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would provide that any person who knowingly sells a lighter to a person he knows or has reason to know is under the age of 12, is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor and subject to a fine of no more than \$100. 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. The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2010.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The SFMO estimates that the provisions of the bill would not impact the agency. Although the SFMO could respond to complaints that a retail store has sold lighters to juveniles under 12, most of the enforcement of the provisions of this bill would be carried out by local law enforcement.

**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