

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB25-S1

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

2. Patron: Puller

3. Committee: Not yet assigned

4. Title: Trains; fine for boarding or riding with fraudulent or counterfeit ticket, etc.

5. Summary: Rewrites the code section that punishes unlawfully riding on a transportation district train. The bill punishes failure or refusal to pay the posted fare, or failure to properly validate a train ticket, as a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill punishes use of a validated ticket outside of the zone of the ticketed ride as a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill punishes use of a fraudulent or counterfeit ticket as a Class 2 misdemeanor. The bill limits the amount of recoverable costs to the same amount as the maximum fine.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to the substitute proposal at this time, the proposal removes a possible Class 2 misdemeanor (sentence up to 12 months in jail and/or \$2,500 fine) for failing or refusing to pay a posted fare, failing to properly validate a train ticket, and using a validated ticket outside the designated zone of the paid ride. With these offenses being reduced to Class 4 misdemeanors (up to a \$250 fine), it is possible that fewer inmates will be housed in local and regional jails due to this proposal, as well as less revenue in fines.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, local law enforcement agencies, local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB 688.

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