

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB25

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Puller

3. Committee: Transportation

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 legislation at this time, the legislation 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.

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: Identical to HB 688.

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