

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB446

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Carroll Foy

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Driving on a suspended or revoked license; unpaid court fines or costs; traffic infraction

5. Summary: This bill provides that the penalty for driving on a suspended or revoked driver's license where the reason for the suspension or revocation was a person's failure to pay court-ordered fines and costs is punishable as a traffic infraction. Currently, the offense is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Motor Vehicles foresees no fiscal impact to the agency from this bill.

The bill could result in a reduction in jail costs and deposits to the Literary Fund. A person convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to sentence of up to twelve months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. The bill reduces the penalty to a traffic infraction. Therefore, this proposal could result in a decrease in the number of persons sentenced to jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate what decrease in jail inmates could be expected from this proposal. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, Literary Fund, local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation