

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2233

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

2. Patron: Robinson

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Interior light amendments and operator requirements

5. Summary: Provides that any motor vehicle, autocycle, road roller, road machinery, or tractor truck may be equipped with one or more interior lights. Requires that operators of such vehicles with one or more interior lights on highways shall ensure that such lights are in good working order. The bill requires that no such interior light shall exceed 15 candlepower with the following exceptions: (i) alternating, blinking, or flashing colored emergency lights mounted inside law enforcement motor vehicles that may otherwise be legally equipped with such lights; or (ii) flashing or steady-burning red or red and white warning lights inside vehicles belonging to fire departments, volunteer fire companies, volunteer emergency medical services agencies, and police chaplains. The bill also requires that between sunset and sunrise, any operator of such a vehicle with one or more interior lights who brings such vehicle to a stop after having received a visible or audible signal from a law enforcement officer, shall turn on one or more interior lights designed to illuminate the passenger compartment of the vehicle, including the light in closest proximity to the front seats, immediately upon stopping.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Superintendent of State Police is responsible for promulgating regulations related to lights in vehicles. According to the Department of State Police (VSP), there is no anticipated fiscal impact on the agency as a result of the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.