

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 752 (Revised Fiscal Note 7/21/97 to account for small revenue loss)

**SHORT TITLE:** Stolen Licenses

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Arnold

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes (X)      No ()      No Estimate Available ( )  
(Highway Fund)

FY 1997-98    FY 1998-99    FY 1999-00    FY 2000-01    FY 2001-02

**GENERAL FUND**

**Correction**

Recurring

NO FISCAL IMPACT

Nonrecurring

**Judicial**

Recurring

NO FISCAL IMPACT

Nonrecurring

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**POSITIONS:** None

**HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES (Added 7/21/97)**

**Division of Motor Vehicles** (Range of lost revenue to Highway Fund from \$2,000-\$30,000 each year)

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Dept. of Correction; Judicial Branch; Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** When bill becomes law

**BILL SUMMARY:** Allows state agencies to issue duplicate licenses, permits, and certificates without charge if original documents were destroyed or stolen during commission of a crime. Any person who files a false claim for a duplicate license is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

Department of Correction

This crime is a low level misdemeanor; anyone convicted would be sentenced to local jails so there is no fiscal impact to the State prison system. The number of offenders is projected to be small enough that there will not be any impact on local jails.

Judicial Department

The Judicial Department indicates that the number of people making false claims to receive duplicate licenses is likely to be small and that prosecution costs, if any, can be absorbed by the court system statewide.

Division of Motor Vehicles (Added 7/21/97)

HB 752 specifies that no fee will be charged for issuance of duplicate licenses, permits etc. if the license was stolen during commission of a crime. This requirement will result in small loss of revenue to the Highway Fund. DMV officials could not precisely estimate how often someone is issued a duplicate license due to a license being stolen during commission of crime. However, DMV officials provided a range from 200 a year up to 3,000. At \$10 for issuance of a duplicate document, lost revenue would range from \$2,000 to \$30,000. This range of lost revenue should have been included in the original fiscal note dated May 13, 1997.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Correction; Judicial Branch; North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission; Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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