NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: HB 723 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Dark Window Inspection Fee

SPONSOR(S):   Representative Verla Insko

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes ( )   No (X)   No Estimate Available ( )

	FY 1999-00	FY 2000-01	FY 2001-02	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04
REVENUES					
Highway Fund		No Fiscal Impact			

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &
  PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Transportation – Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

BILL SUMMARY: The bill reduces the after-factory window tinting inspection fee from $10 to $5 for persons with documented medical conditions that require window tinting.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: This bill has no state fiscal impact because the after-factory window tinting inspection fee is paid to the station inspecting the vehicle. The station owner would lose the fee revenue and will pay for any reprogramming of vehicle inspection software needed to adjust for this fee change.

DMV does not track the number of inspections of after-factory tinted windows, nor does it know how many persons have documented medical conditions that require window tinting. No information is available on the potential number of persons suffering from photosensitive medical conditions, but it is expected that systemic lupus erythematosus is the primary photosensitive medical condition prevalent in the State. The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that 1 out of every 185 Americans has some form of Lupus. By this standard, there were 40,805 Lupus patients among the 7.55 million persons in North Carolina in1998. Information from the Colorado HealthNet indicates that approximately 30 percent of Lupus sufferers have photosensitivity as a symptom. Based on this ratio, 12,242 persons in North Carolina are eligible for the $5 window tinting inspection fee.

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