

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 833 (1st Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Possessing Fraudulent ID to Get Liquor

SPONSOR(S): Senators Rand; and Allran

FISCAL IMPACT

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

FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03 FY 2003-04 FY 2004-05 FY 2005-06

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

County Jails: if sentencing under this new law follows the pattern of sentencing for existing Class 1 Misdemeanors, it would result in additional inmate days in county jails

POSITIONS:

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:**

EFFECTIVE DATE: Becomes effective December 1, 2001 and applies to offenses committed on or after this date.

BILL SUMMARY: Makes it illegal to possess fraudulent identification while attempting to obtain alcoholic beverages or while attempting to obtain or obtaining permission to purchase alcoholic beverages from a permittee.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) staff does not have available data from which to estimate the number of underage persons in possession of fraudulent identifications. Thus, AOC is unable to estimate the number of individuals who would be charged under this bill.

The NC Sentencing Commission indicates that since the proposed bill amends a misdemeanor offense, it is not expected to have a significant impact on the prison population. It is estimated to have an impact on local jail populations. While the

Commission cannot project the number of new jail inmates due to this bill, they do know that in FY 1999/2000, 15% of all Class 1 misdemeanor convictions resulted in active sentences. The average sentence length imposed was 45 days. Offenders serving active sentences of less than 90 days are housed in county jails.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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