

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**



**Session 2007**

**Legislative Fiscal Note**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 1697 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Toll Enforcement/Auth. Changes  
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**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Jenkins

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available (x )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2008-09</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2012-13</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Turnpike Authority			no estimate available		
Civil Fines and Forfeiture Funds			no estimate available		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Highway Fund	\$955,825	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>	n/a				
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>					
Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATES:</b> December 2008 and when bill becomes law					

**BILL SUMMARY:** Provides for enforcement of tolls at toll facilities operated by the North Carolina Turnpike Authority and to modify existing laws. The Turnpike Authority will enforce toll collection by placing blocks on vehicle registrations for drivers residing within the state of North Carolina.

The Turnpike Authority may assess processing fees and civil penalties for unpaid tolls.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

- The Turnpike Authority or processing agency will be granted the ability to use STARS. State Titling and Registration System (STARS), which is the DMV computer program, to inquire for registration information of a vehicle, to set registration blocks, and to remove the registration blocks for vehicles titled in North Carolina. To allow the Turnpike

Authority and/or processing agency access to the STARS system, there will need to be modifications to the existing system. This will result in ITS charges and programming changes requiring one-time costs to the Division of Motor Vehicles of \$955,825.

- The Turnpike Authority will reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for its costs for reprogramming the STARS system and ITS charges.
- The administrative fee assessed to customer may not exceed \$6.00 for a billing period and no more than \$48 in fees for a calendar year. There is no estimate available for the amount of funds to be collected in processing fees. These funds would go back to the Turnpike Authority.
- A civil penalty may not exceed \$25 for a six month period and only two \$25 penalties may be assessed in a calendar year. There is no estimate available for the amount of funds to be collected in civil penalties; those funds would be deposited into the Civil Fines and Forfeiture Fund.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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