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- H.B. 95 increased or added 298 fees generating an estimated revenue increase of \$189,004,319 for the biennium.

Fee Increases

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INTRODUCTION

Overall, 302 fees were increased or added in H.B. 87 and H.B. 95. There were no fee increases in H.B. 91 or H.B. 92. The total estimated state revenue increase for the biennium is \$506,034,319. The total revenue increase from both budget bills is estimated at \$222,481,764 for FY 2004 and \$283,552,555 for FY 2005. Non-GRF funds will receive \$473,966,493 while GRF funds will accumulate \$32,067,826. The bills, combined, affected 21 state agencies or local government units.

H.B. 87 increased four fees in the Department of Public Safety, generating an estimated revenue increase of \$317,030,000 for the biennium. The total revenue increase is estimated at \$135,890,000 for FY 2004 and \$181,140,000 in FY 2005.

Furthermore, for increased and new fees in H.B. 95, the total estimated state revenue for the biennium is \$189,004,319.⁴⁵ The total revenue increase is estimated at \$86,591,764 for FY 2004 and \$102,412,555 for FY 2005. The new and increased fees are generated by 17 state agencies and boards, plus two state fee categories which are locally collected. In terms of state revenue, there are a total of 265 individual new and increased fees, within 36 fee categories, in the main appropriations act.⁴⁶ In addition, H.B. 95 increased 33 sheriff fees, which provide revenue to counties. Thus, there are a total of 298 individual state and local fees in H.B. 95.⁴⁷

⁴⁵ These total revenues are estimates based on the information we received from the corresponding agencies. For some fees, this office or the agency was not able to develop an estimate. Thus, the total numbers may actually be higher than those reported here.

⁴⁶ Most of the additional fee revenue will be received by non-GRF funds; for example the Housing Trust Fund is the largest recipient.

⁴⁷ Each individual fee is counted separately in this report. Related fees are grouped into fee categories. When the same fee contains different dollar ranges, it is counted as one fee.

Summary of Fees and Fee Revenue Generated by H.B. 87					
Fee Description	Old Fee	New Fee	Fund Group	Estimated FY 2004 Revenue Increase	Estimated FY 2005 Revenue Increase
<i>Driver's License</i>	\$6	\$18 (effective 10/01/03) ⁴⁸	HSF	\$28,800,000	\$38,400,000
<i>Vehicle Registration</i> ⁴⁹	\$23.25	\$34.25 (effective 10/01/03) ⁵⁰	HSF	\$99,000,000	\$132,000,000
<i>Temporary License Placard</i>	\$4	\$9 (effective 10/01/03)	HSF	\$7,950,000	\$10,600,000
<i>Bus Safety Inspection</i> ⁵¹	\$100	\$200	HSF	\$140,000	\$140,000
			Total	\$135,890,000	\$181,140,000

⁴⁸ Persons under 21 years of age are charged a different fee, between \$2.25 and \$7.25, depending on the person's age. Therefore, the new fee for these persons will be between \$14.25 and \$19.25.

⁴⁹ The bill requires commercial fleets to be reassigned vehicle registration expiration dates beginning in 2004 that will spread out the number of expirations quarterly throughout the year. This will cause a large number of these vehicles to be registered twice in the same year. The law allows most of the fees and taxes associated with vehicle registration to be prorated. However, the additional \$11 fee added by the bill to support the State Highway Patrol will not be prorated. Thus, the vehicle owner will be required to pay this \$11 fee twice in one year on many of his vehicles. This will only be a one-time occurrence. The Legislative Service Commission does not know the amount of revenue likely to be generated by this provision and it is not included in this chart.

⁵⁰ This figure is for passenger vehicles and includes state fees and state taxes. Other vehicles, such as motorcycles and commercial trucks, have different registration fees and taxes, ranging from \$13.25 for mopeds to \$1,630 for buses with a gross vehicle weight over 78,000 pounds. Political subdivisions may add further taxes, up to \$20, on motor vehicle registrations.

⁵¹ Originally, this fee was deposited in the General Revenue Fund. Am. Sub. H.B. 87 requires the Bus Safety Inspection fee to be deposited into the State Highway Safety Fund. Therefore, the fee increase raises an additional \$140,000 in revenue annually, however, the State Highway Safety Fund will realize a \$280,000 increase in revenue annually.

H.B. 95 Fee Increases and Revenue Estimates					
Agency	# of Fees	Fee Categories (# in)	Fund Group⁵²	Estimated FY 2004 Revenue Increase	Estimated FY 2005 Revenue Increase
Department of Aging	1 fee	(1) - Bed Fee	SSR	\$380,000	\$380,000
Department of Agriculture	11 fees	(2) - Plant Industry Fees, Gypsy Moth Fees	GRF	\$262,000	\$262,000
Athletic Commission	5 fees	(1) - Boxing and Wrestling Fees	GSF	\$14,720	\$14,720
Attorney General	6 fees	(2) - Bingo License Fees, Collection of Moneys Due to the State	SSR ⁵³ GSF	\$5,957,500 \$4,510,000	\$7,593,375 \$4,010,000
Ohio State Barber Board	22 fees	(1) - Barber Fees	GSF	\$41,865	\$413,705
Department of Commerce	51 fees	(3) - Boiler Inspection Fees, Elevator Fees, Liquor Permit Fees	SSR GRF	\$3,544,634 \$6,220,434	\$4,294,692 \$9,214,692
Ohio Dietetics Board	4 fees	(1) - Dietetics Board Fees	GSF	N/A (not effective until 7/1/04)	\$48,000
Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	7 fees	(1) - Embalmer and Funeral Director Fees	GSF	\$26,985	\$133,925
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	30 fees	(4) - Solid Waste Fees, Air Pollution Fees, Water System Fees, EPA Certification Fees	SSR	\$6,650,000	\$6,650,000
Environmental Review Appeals Commission	1 fee	(1) - ERAC Fees	GRF	\$2,350	\$2,350
Ethics Commission	7 fees	(1) - Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Filing Fees	GSF	\$150,000	\$150,000
Department of Health	31 fees	(9) - Radiology Fees, Vital Statistics Copies, Asbestos Examiners Licenses, Agricultural Labor Camp Fees, Health Care Specialist Licenses, Hearing Aid Licensing, Nursing Facility Inspections, Maternity Licensure Fees	SSR	\$4,316,600	\$4,316,600
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	5 fees	(2) - JLEC Financial Disclosure Filing Fees, JLEC Lobbyist Registration Fees	GRF	\$52,000	\$52,000

⁵² GRF = General Revenue Fund Group; GSF = General Services Fund Group; SSR = State Special Fund Group; WLF = Wildlife Fund Group; N/A = Not Applicable (county receives revenue)

⁵³ The Attorney General will retain all revenue generated from fees to recover the cost of returned checks, to the credit of Fund 419 (SSR). However, the remainder of the fees will be distributed amongst the various agencies for whom the Attorney General is collecting the debt, with a small portion being retained by the Attorney General to cover the costs of collection. At the time of this writing, it is uncertain to which agency fund(s) the various collection fees will be deposited.

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Agency	# of Fees	Fee Categories (# in ())	Fund Group⁵²	Estimated FY 2004 Revenue Increase	Estimated FY 2005 Revenue Increase
Department of Natural Resources	25 fees	(2) - Dam Fees, Wildlife Fees	SSR WLF	\$260,000 \$5,953,000	\$260,000 \$6,118,000
Ohio Nursing Board	7 fees	(1) - Nursing Board Fees	GSF	\$3,459,750	\$1,508,570
Board of Sanitarian Registration	4 fees	(1) - Sanitarian Fees	GSF	\$19,986	\$19,986
Secretary of State	2 fees	(1) - Notary Commission Fees	GSF	\$369,940	\$369,940
Housing Trust Fund Fees (locally collected, state revenue)	44 fees	(1) - Housing Trust Fund Fees	SSR	\$36,400,000	\$48,600,000
Miscellaneous Provision (locally collected, state revenue)	2 fees	(1) - Court Fees	GRF	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Sheriff's Fees (county revenue, not included in state totals)	33 fees	(1) - Sheriff Fees	N/A	N/A	N/A
Totals	298 fees	37 fee categories		\$86,591,764	\$102,412,555

Summary of Fees and Fee Revenue Generated by H.B. 95					
	# of State Agencies/ Local Units	Fee Categories	Individual Fees	FY 2004 Revenue	FY 2005 Revenue
State Agency Revenue	17	34	219	\$42,191,764	\$45,812,555
Locally - collected, state revenue	2	2	46	\$44,400,000	\$56,600,000
Total State Revenue	19	36	265	\$86,591,764	\$102,412,555
Local Revenue (Sheriff Fees)	1	1	33	N/A	N/A
Total State and Local Revenue	20	37	298	\$86,591,764	\$102,412,555

