

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL: **S.B. 154** DATE: **May 16, 2007**
STATUS: **As Introduced** SPONSOR: **Sen. Cates**
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Minimal cost**
CONTENTS: **To require certain retail establishments to allow customers with eligible medical conditions to use the retail establishment's restrooms that are not normally available to the public**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2007	FY 2008	FUTURE YEARS
County Courts			
Revenues	Potential gain in minor misdemeanor fine revenues	Potential gain in minor misdemeanor fine revenues	Potential gain in minor misdemeanor fine revenues
Expenditures	Potential increase in court costs from new minor misdemeanor offense	Potential increase in court costs from new minor misdemeanor offense	Potential increase in court costs from new minor misdemeanor offense

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- Requires retail establishments to allow customers with eligible medical conditions to use the retail establishment's restrooms that are not normally available to the public. Violations of this requirement are a minor misdemeanor offense.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires certain retail establishments to allow customers with eligible medical conditions to use the retail establishment's restrooms that are not normally available to the public. Any such retail establishment or employee that violates this requirement is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. The creation of a new minor misdemeanor offense may create additional costs to county court systems due to increased caseloads. Additionally, there may be some offsetting revenues received from fines assessed from these cases. However, it is likely that there will be a minimal number of such offenses, thereby creating only a minimal cost to county court systems.

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