

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 128 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: No Ins. Points for Infractions

SPONSOR(S): Senator Odom

FISCAL IMPACT

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

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

No estimate available (see Technical Considerations, below)

POSITIONS:

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Insurance

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998 for Sections 1-4; upon becoming law for Sections 5 and 6

BILL SUMMARY: Amends GS 58-36-65 to remove convictions of minor moving traffic violations from the factors used to differentiate among classes of drivers in the NC Rate Bureau's Safe Driver Incentive Plan. Amends GS 58-36-75 to require the assignment of values and surcharges for bodily injury in at-fault accidents that are commensurate with the severity of injury, but no points or increases in insurance surcharges or premiums may be made due to costs associated with obtaining a diagnosis, when the diagnosis indicates no bodily injury. Applies to accidents occurring on or after Jan. 1, 1998.¹ Sections 1-4 become effective January 1, 1998. Sections 5 and 6 require the North Carolina Rate Bureau to develop an amendment to the subclassification plan to effect the provisions of the act and set the date of effectiveness for all sections of the act; these sections become effective when the bill becomes law.

¹ Legislative Reporting Service, Institute of Government: "Daily Bulletin," Vol. 1997, No. 11, February 17, 1997, p. 21

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: In recording points assigned against drivers, currently the insurance industry does not distinguish between points awarded for infractions and points awarded for accidents. Therefore, the data do not exist in the detail required to calculate any estimates of changes that would be effected by this bill.

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