

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 438 (4th Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Clarify Public Vehicular Area

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Garrou

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes ( )</b>	<b>No (X)</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>POSITIONS:</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Department of Transportation				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	December 1, 2001				

**BILL SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 438 provides a mechanism whereby private property owners who desire to have their private streets or roadways treated as public vehicular areas, and therefore subject to State motor vehicle laws, may do so by registering the area with the Department of Transportation and erecting signs identifying the area as a public vehicular area (PVA). The cost of registering the property with DOT would be up to \$500 per request. The property owner would be responsible for obtaining signs that meet the specifications established by DOT and for placing those signs in locations that provide reasonable notice to motorists that the roadway is a PVA. The bill also authorizes DOT to charge the reasonable cost for furnishing a certified copy of a registration when requested.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The Department of Transportation has no way of estimating the number of private property owners that would register private roadways as public vehicular areas. However, because the bill allows DOT to charge fees to cover the costs of administering the PVA registration process, the bill should pose no fiscal burden on the Department of Transportation or the Highway Fund.

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