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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 408

(Senator Roesser)

Finance

Environmental Matters

**For-Hire Driving Services - Annual Assessment**

This bill increases to \$50 the Public Service Commission’s annual assessment on vehicle permits that provide for-hire driving services, except for: (1) employee van transportation to or from a work site; and (2) limousine services in a vehicle that has been modified or stretched to accommodate passengers and is equipped with amenities not normally found in a passenger car such as a television set or videocassette recorder.

The bill also requires the Public Service Commission to submit a report by October 1 of each year to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee regarding: (1) the amount of collected assessments and fund expenditures in the preceding fiscal year; (2) collection and expenditure estimates for the next fiscal year; (3) enforcement and other fund supported activities, including the number and type of infractions; and (4) recommendations for additional enforcement of for-hire driving services including whether limousine services should be included in the fund supported enforcement efforts and the basis for this recommendation.

This bill is effective July 1, 2001.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues would increase by approximately \$50,000 annually beginning in FY 2002. No effect on expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
SF Revenue	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## **Analysis**

**Current Law:** The annual assessment is \$40 on vehicle permits that provide for-hire driving services except for limousine services and employee van transportation.

**Background:** The For-Hire Services Enforcement Fund, financed by members of the industry through annual assessments, is used to pay for for-hire enforcement activities (i.e., applications for and issuance of for-hire driver's licenses) of the Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC advises that there is a deficiency in its For-Hire Services Enforcement Fund. The assessment increase in the bill is an attempt to fully fund the fund.

**State Revenues:** Approximately 5,000 vehicles are each assessed \$40 annually resulting in revenues of approximately \$200,000 annually. Increasing the assessment by \$10 would increase For-Hire Services Enforcement Fund revenues by approximately \$50,000.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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