# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 0563-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 137

Subject: Consumer Protection; Insurance - Automobile; Insurance Dept.; Motor Vehicles

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: January 13, 2005

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u>				
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

# FISCAL ANALYSIS

# **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Insurance** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could impact small business auto repair or window replacement shops.

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

This proposal prohibits insurers from acquiring or maintaining any ownership interest in auto body repair shops, windshield repair shops or replacement shops. Any insurer that currently has an ownership interest in such a repair shop shall divest itself of the interest by August 28, 2008. This proposal also prohibits insurers from offering incentives or providing compensation to a person for the purpose of rewarding that person for referring an insured to an auto repair shop in which the insurer maintains an ownership interest. A violation of this act shall constitute a unlawful trade practice under Chapter 407.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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