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sHB-5177

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN NONAERIAL AND NONEXPLOSIVE CONSUMER FIREWORKS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Department of Revenue Services	Various - Revenue Gain	Up to 100,000	Up to 100,000
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund; Various=Various

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a sale tax revenue gain of up to \$100,000 annually by expanding the type of fireworks that may be sold in the state to include certain nonaerial and nonexplosive consumer fireworks.

In addition, the bill, which allows anyone over the age of 18 to purchase or sell fireworks and broadens what fireworks may be sold and used in Connecticut,¹ results in a potential savings to the Judicial Department and a potential revenue loss from fines. This bill may lead to a decrease in illegal activity related to fireworks. The average marginal savings to the state for a reduction of supervision in the

¹In FY 23, 32 individuals were charged with firework-related offenses. Less than \$2,000 in fines for firework-related offenses have been collected since 2020.

community is less than \$800² each year for adults and approximately \$1,000 each year for juveniles.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing sales tax revenue impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The annualized ongoing fiscal impact associated with fines would continue into the future subject to violations.

²Probation marginal cost is based on the services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.