

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 803 - HB 1451**

March 18, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires, upon a citizen reporting a violation of the *Litter Control Law*, the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) to notify the suspected offender by certified mail, return receipt requested, instead of by letter, of the provisions of the relevant laws and penalties for violations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-7-304, the unit within the THP tasked with enforcing the *Litter Control Law* is required, upon receiving a citizen report regarding a violation of the law, to notify the suspected offender by letter of the provisions of the relevant laws and penalties for violations. The proposed legislation requires this notification to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, instead of by letter.
- The Department of Safety (DOS) was unable to determine precisely how many such letters are sent each year. It is assumed to be few.
- The cost to send a notification via certified mail, return receipt requested is \$6.25. The costs to send a letter by standard mail is the cost of postage, or \$0.63 per letter.
- The DOS will incur an increase in expenditures related to the required notifications of \$5.62 (\$6.25 certified - \$0.63 standard) per each notification sent.
- Because the number of notifications sent each year is unknown, the precise increase in state expenditures cannot be calculated.
- However, it is assumed to be absorbable within the department's existing resources, and is otherwise estimated to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact to state government is therefore estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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