

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



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Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 769 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Unified Carrier Registration/CDL Changes.

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Carney

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (x)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>
REVENUES	\$372,007	\$372,007	\$372,007	\$372,007	\$372,007
EXPENDITURES	\$2,974,000	0	0	0	0
POSITIONS (cumulative):	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles					
EFFECTIVE DATE: When bill becomes law.					

BILL SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner to enter into the national Unified Motor Carrier Registration agreement, modifies the motor carrier fees, and makes conforming changes to the law governing registration of for-hire interstate motor carriers. Also, this act amends GS 20-14.4(1) and 20-37.19 to include the refusal to participate in the federally-required random drug testing to be treated as a positive test result of drugs.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

- The current UCR agreement states that the amount of fees collected by the participating States during FY2004 become the benchmark for the amount of fees to be received by that State under UCR revenue distribution effort. North Carolina collected \$372,007 in 2004 and it is assumed that amount will be the amount received under the new fee collection and distribution effort of the UCR board.
- It is assumed in the estimates above that the UCR fee program will begin in FY2008 and that North Carolina will receive the full \$372,007 in FY2008 and in the following years.

- There are costs associated with significant information technology upgrades and required interfacing with the International Registration program/Motor Carrier program. There are additional costs associated with the current STARS computer program.
- The necessary applications cannot be completed until federal requirements are finalized. The State must provide proof of legal authority to participate in UCR and create a state plan to participate in UCR by August 10, 2008.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The information technology costs would be incurred during FY2007-2008; however, the fee amount of \$372,007 may not be collected in its entirety during FY2007-2008 and it depends on when the system is up and running. The program is anticipated to be operational during FY2007-2008.

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