

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2007

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 2167 (Third Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Towing of Recreational Boats/Exemption.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Williams

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (x)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>
REVENUES					
Highway Fund -					(\$9,252-\$37,008) annually
EXPENDITURES					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:					
Department of Transportation – Permitting Program					
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage of bill.					

BILL SUMMARY: This bill will allow boats to be towed any time, including holidays, weekends, and at night. Boats that are in excess of 102 inches but less than 120 inches must be equipped with a minimum of two amber lights on the widest points of the boat or boat trailer. In addition boats that are less than 120 inches in width may be towed without a permit.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: There were 5,461 permits issued for towing boats for FY2006-07. Of those, 771 were issued for towing boats <120 inches. These permits were single trip issuances and the permit fee ranges from \$12 - \$48 depending on the size of the boat. This bill would allow these the boats <120" to be towed without a permit and therefore would result in an annual loss of revenues to the Department of Transportation.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Transportation, Oversize Overweight Permit Unit

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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