

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 653 - SB 1099

February 25, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces from a class E felony to a class C misdemeanor the offense of illegally shipping into this state, or the manufacturing, possessing, selling, or using an “illegal ground salute” firework within the state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-104-112, shipping into this state, or manufacturing, possessing, selling, or using an “illegal ground salute” firework within the state, is a class E felony.
- Statistics from the Department of Correction show no admissions under Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-104-112 over the last 10 years.
- It is assumed that reducing the offense from a felony to a misdemeanor will not significantly impact either state or local incarceration costs.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the operations or caseloads of the courts, public defenders, and district attorneys.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation does not decriminalize shipping into, manufacturing, possessing, selling, or using an illegal ground salute within the state, but rather reduces the classification.
- Because selling and possessing these fireworks in the state are still illegal, it is assumed that the proposed legislation will not significantly affect private sales of fireworks.
- Any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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