

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1322 - SB 1298**

March 14, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the fines for failure to operate a motor vehicle properly on approach of emergency vehicle and when approaching certain stationary vehicles (1) from a range of \$100 to \$500 to a range of \$500 to \$1,000 for the first violation; (2) from a range of \$500 to \$1,000 to a range of \$1,000 to \$1,500 for the second violation; and (3) from a minimum of \$1,000 to a minimum of \$1,500 for a third or subsequent violations.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-132, upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and/or visual signals, the driver must yield the right-of-way and pull the driver's vehicle over to the right edge of the roadway until the emergency vehicle has passed. Upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, recovery vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle, solid waste vehicle, or utility service vehicle when the vehicle is giving a signal by use of flashing lights, the driver must proceed with due caution and change into a lane not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or reduce the speed of the driver's vehicle. Upon approaching a stationary motor vehicle that is located on the shoulder, emergency lane, or median and the stationary vehicle is giving a signal by use of flashing lights, the driver must proceed with caution and change into a lane not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or reduce the speed of the driver's vehicle.
- Passage of this legislation will not change the number of citations issued; it merely changes the extent of possible fines that may be assessed.
- There will not be a sufficient change for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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