



IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

BILL SUMMARY

Speeding Fines, Rural Emergency Services Funding HF 658

Status of Bill: House Calendar
Committee: Public Safety (21-0)
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Background

The current penalty for driving 20 mph over the speed limit is a \$100 fine plus an additional \$5 per mile over 20 mph. The current fine for driving 25 mph over the speed limit in a road work zone is \$1,000. During FY 2018, there were 8,098 violations for driving over 20 mph and 20 violations for driving over 25 mph in a road work zone. A 35% criminal penalty surcharge is applied to each fine and 95% is remitted to the State and of the state share, 83% of this is remitted to the general fund, 17% goes to the Victim Compensation Fund, and the remaining 5% is allotted to the county or city where the violation occurred.

Bill Summary

HF 658 would increase fines for speeding relating to excessive speed over 20 mph and 25 mph in a work zone. This bill would increase the fine for each mph of excessive speed over 20 mph from \$5 to \$10. The additional mile-per-hour fine is an addition to the \$100 base fine. This bill would also increase the fine for speeding more than 25 mph in a road work zone from \$1,000 to \$1,500. This additional revenue is to be remitted to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund for providing emergency medical services in rural, underserved areas within the state.

Assumptions

LSA Fiscal Services have made the following assumptions relating to HF 658:

- There will be approximately 8,098 violations per year for speeding in excess of 20 mph over the limit.
- There will be approximately 20 violations for speeding in excess of 25 mph in a road work zone.
- There will be a 63.8% collection rate for speeding violations.

Fiscal Impact

HF 658 would deposit revenue from the increased fines to the EMS Fund. Table 1 (below) provides LSA's fiscal revenue estimates from increased fines for the following: (1) violations of one mph and five mph over 20 mph threshold and (2) speeding violation exceeding 25 mph in a road work zone. The revenue combination from these violations is estimated to bring \$32,100 to the EMS Fund. The EMS Fund is also estimated to receive \$135,500 for driving 5 mph over 20 mph in addition to Road Work Zone violations.

Table 2 (below) reflects distribution of the surcharge revenue relating to table 1's fine increases. LSA fiscal estimates there would be no court cost revenue increase; an additional \$8,900 to the general fund; an \$1,800 increase to the Victim Compensation Fund; and \$600 increase to the local jurisdictions for violations relating to driving 21 mph over the speed limit and Road Work Zone violations. Additionally, LSA fiscal estimates there would be no court cost revenue increase; approximately \$37,400 revenue increase to the general fund; \$7,700 to the Victim Compensation Fund; and \$2,400 to local jurisdictions for violations relating to driving 25 mph over the speed limit and Road Work Zone speeding.

Table 1:

Estimates of Annual Fiscal Impact for HF 658						
	21 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations			25 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations		
	Current Law	HF 658	Change	Current Law	HF658	Change
Fine Revenue						
Speeding	\$ 542,500	\$ 568,300	\$ 25,800	\$ 645,800	\$ 775,000	\$ 129,200
Road Work Zone	12,800	19,100	6,300	12,800	19,100	6,300
Subtotal	\$ 555,300	\$ 587,400	\$ 32,100	\$ 658,600	\$ 794,100	\$ 135,500
Other						
Surcharge	\$ 194,300	\$ 205,600	\$ 11,300	\$ 230,500	\$ 278,000	\$ 47,500
Court Costs	310,800	310,800	-	310,800	310,800	-
Total	\$ 1,060,400	\$ 1,103,800	\$ 43,400	\$ 1,199,900	\$ 1,382,900	\$ 183,000

*Revenue directed to Emergency Medical Services Fund.

Table 2:

Distribution of Surcharge Revenue						
	21 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations			25 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations		
	Current Law	HF658	Change	Current Law	HF 658	Change
Distribution						
General Fund	\$ 153,200	\$ 162,100	\$ 8,900	\$ 181,800	\$ 219,200	\$ 37,400
Victim Comp. Fund	31,400	33,200	1,800	37,200	44,900	7,700
Local Jurisdiction	9,700	10,300	600	11,500	13,900	2,400
Surcharge Total	\$ 194,300	\$ 205,600	\$ 11,300	\$ 230,500	\$ 278,000	\$ 47,500