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 3 *request by Board of Justice*  
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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 233-75

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD 15

In compliance with a written request received February 19, 1975, 19 \_\_\_\_\_, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 253 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 253 provides that operator and chauffeur licenses shall not be valid for operation of motorcycles unless endorsed, provides the fee for such endorsement, and provides a January 1, 1976 effective date.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There will be 39,951 motorcycles registered. It is assumed that there will be 15% more operators than motorcycles and that there will be a 4% increase in FY 77.
2. The proposed legislation will require development of new driver's manuals and written examinations will generate the need for increased highway safety funding grants.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 76		FY 77	
Estimated fees collected from motorcycle endorsement		<u>\$ 22,972</u>		<u>\$ 23,891</u>
Estimated increase in expenditures by category:				
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,000	
Local grants	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Net increase in revenue (Revenue - Expenditures)		<u>\$ 12,972</u>		<u>\$ 21,891</u>

## CONCLUSION:

Enactment of Senate Bill 253 will result in increased driver license fee (motorcycle endorsement) collections of \$46,863, increased expenditures of \$12,000, for a net increase in revenue of \$34,863 during the 1975-77 biennium.

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Approved by Committee  
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