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2	INTRODUCED BY C. Johnson
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(6) (a) A city or town finance officer or treasurer may retain the charges collected under <del>subsection</del>
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(b) Each county finance officer or treasurer may retain the charges collected under subsection
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- 2 (7) Charges collected under subsection (1)(c) must be deposited in an account in the state special
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# STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0345, as introduced

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill imposing a surcharge on persons convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with an illegal blood alcohol content, providing for deposit of the money in the state special revenue fund, to be used by the Department of Justice to purchase or lease and to maintain law enforcement equipment.

# ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Approximately 7,000 statewide convictions are made annually for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Blood Alcohol Content (BAC).
- 2. Assuming that the number of convictions for DUI/BAC remains constant, and that all persons convicted pay the \$15 surcharge, then \$105,000 (\$15 x 7,000) in new revenue would be generated for the state special revenue fund.
- 3. The Department of Justice would have sufficient law enforcement equipment needs to be able to expend all funds collected.
- 4. The bill's effective date is October 1, 1995; thus 75% of the estimated annual revenue would be collected in FY96.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Justice

Expenditures:	FY96	FY97
Equipment	<u>Difference</u> 78,000	<u>Difference</u> 105,000
<u>Funding:</u> State special revenue (02)	78,000	105,000
<u>Revenues:</u> Fines surcharge (02)	78,000	105,000

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BUDGET DIRECTOR ID LEWIS,

Office of Budget and Program Planning

ROYAL JOHNSON, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

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### DEDICATION OF REVENUE:

a) Are there persons or entities that benefit from this dedicated revenue that do not pay? (Please explain)

Yes. The Divisions of the Department of Justice will benefit from this revenue source, but they do not contribute.

b) What special information or other advantages exist as a result of using a state special revenue fund that could not be obtained if the revenue were allocated to the general fund?

The primary advantage of the state special revenue is the ability to separate receipts and disbursements used for law enforcement purposes specified by the bill.

- c) Is the source of revenue relevant to current use of the funds and adequate to fund the program/activity that is intended? X Yes No (if no, explain)
- d) Does the need for this state special revenue provision still exist? \_\_\_\_ Yes
  No (Explain)

N/A. This is a new source of revenue.

e) Does the dedicated revenue affect the legislature's ability to scrutinize budgets, control expenditures, or establish priorities for state spending? (Please explain)

No. The legislature will be able to analyze this activity. The Department of Justice plans to record the activity separately on the SBAS system.

 f) Does the dedicated revenue fulfill a continuing, legislatively recognized need? (Please explain)

This would be the question posed by this bill.

g) How does the dedicated revenue provision result in accounting/auditing efficiencies or inefficiencies in your agency? (Please explain. Also, if the program/activity were general funded, could you adequately account for the program/activity?)

A state special revenue fund does provide some ease of accounting, and the activity could be accounted for if placed in the general fund. But the main issue is not accounting efficiencies, but dedication of revenue for the cause of better law enforcement.

# STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0345, third reading, as amended

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill to impose a surcharge on persons convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (DUI); retention of a portion of the surcharge by local governments; and providing for the use of the funds for law enforcement or emergency rescue equipment.

### ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. The surcharge imposed in the bill has been amended from \$15 to "the lesser of \$50 or 10% of the fine levied." It is assumed that the surcharge, as amended, will average approximately \$15.
- 2. There are approximately 7,000 statewide convictions made annually for DUI and blood alcohol content (BAC) violations. Assuming that the number of convictions for DUI/BAC remains constant, and that all persons convicted pay the surcharge, \$105,000 in additional revenue will be collected statewide. The Montana Highway Patrol estimate of the surcharge revenue, based on citations issued by the Highway Patrol, is \$25,000 per year.
- 3. The bill, as amended, requires the surcharge revenue to be retained by local governments except for 50% of justice court revenue that is distributed to the state general fund. It is assumed that approximately \$59,250 in FY96 and \$80,000 in FY97 will be retained by local governments and used to purchase, lease, or maintain law enforcement or emergency rescue equipment used in the investigation of alcoholrelated offenses or accidents.
- 4. The bill's effective date is October 1, 1995; thus, 75% of the estimated annual revenue and appropriation will be applicable to FY96.

# FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Justice-Highway Patrol Division:

Expenditures:

	FY96	FY97
	Difference	Difference
FTE	1.00	1.00
Equipment	<u>18,750</u>	25,000
Total	18,750	25,000
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	18,750	25,000
<u>Revenue:</u>		
General Fund (01)	18,750	25,000
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General Fund (01)	0	0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES: Local governments would retain and expend additional surcharge revenue of \$59,250 in FY96 and \$80,000 in FY97.

DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE Office of Budget and Program Planning

ROYAL JOHNSON, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for <u>HB0345</u>, third reading, <u>as amended</u>



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