
Transportation Committee

HB 1373

Brief Description: Modifying photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

Sponsors: Representatives Lantz, Seaquist, Rolfes, Green and Appleton; by request of Board For Judicial Administration.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires toll violations detected through the use of photo enforcement systems to be treated as parking infractions, conforming them with the treatment of infractions detected with automated traffic safety cameras.
- Sets the penalty for toll violations detected through photo enforcement systems at \$40 plus three times the amount of the toll evaded.

Hearing Date: 2/1/07

Staff: David Munnecke (786-7315).

Background:

It is a traffic infraction to refuse to pay a toll or otherwise avoid a toll at a publicly operated toll facility. In 2004, Substitute House Bill 2475 allowed for the detection of toll violations through the use of a photo enforcement system. The photo enforcement system may record images of vehicles and vehicle license plates only, and the infractions issued through such a system are not part of the registered owners' driving records.

Automated traffic safety cameras were authorized during the 2005 legislative session to detect stoplight, railroad crossing or school speed violations. Infractions detected through the use of this equipment must be processed in the same manner as parking infractions and are not part of the registered owners' driving record.

Summary of Bill:

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Toll violations detected through the use of photo enforcement systems must be processed in the same manner as parking infractions. The penalty for toll violation infractions issued through the use of photo enforcement systems is set at \$40, plus three times the amount of the toll evaded.

A person accused of a toll violation may pay the toll prior to adjudication, in which case the citation will be dismissed but the person may still be assessed court administrative costs of \$20.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.