

FINGERPRINT/ICHAT FEES SUNSET ELIMINATION

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SUMMARY OF THE BILL:

Until October 1, 2012, the Department of State Police is authorized to charge a fee of \$30.00 for taking and processing fingerprints and for completing criminal record checks of residents of the state when the impressions of fingerprints are requested for employment or licensing-related purposes. The department is authorized to charge a fee of \$10.00 for processing and completing name-based criminal background checks through ICHAT, the Internet Criminal History Access Tool. The \$10.00 fee is not charged, however, if the requester is a government or nonprofit charitable agency performing employment or volunteer employment criminal background checks.

House Bill 5793 would amend Public Act 120 of 1935 by eliminating the October 1, 2012 sunset date for collection of fingerprint and name-based criminal background check fees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The department received \$7.4 million in fingerprint fee revenue in FY 2009-10 and \$8.0 million in FY 2010-11. It is estimated that 300,000 fingerprint impressions will be collected in FY 2012-13 and that revenue from the fingerprint fee will be \$9.0 million.

The department received \$5 million in ICHAT fee revenue in FY 2009-10 and \$6 million in FY 2010-11. In FY 2010-11, approximately 1.5 million ICHAT queries were processed. (Approximately 40% of the queries were billed; 60% were requested by government or nonprofit charitable agencies.) Revenue from name-based criminal background checks is estimated to be \$6.0 million in FY 2012-13.

If HB 5793 is not enacted, the fiscal impact to the state will be a shortfall of about \$15.0 million. The FY 2012-13 budget assumes the elimination of the sunset date and the availability of these fee revenues.

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