

# FISCAL NOTE

February 27, 2017

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB 251	<b>Printer's No:</b>	300	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Vulakovich (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
	Three Months	One Year
General Fund	\$130,000	\$520,000

**SUMMARY:** This bill would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) authorizing all local police to use radar or infrared laser light devices, commonly referred to as LIDAR.

**ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 251 would permit the use of LIDAR by police officers who have completed a training course approved by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, if official warning signs stating the use of the devices are erected within 500 feet of the border of the political subdivision on the main arteries entering that political subdivision. However, no persons may be convicted if the speed recorded through the use of LIDAR is less than 10 miles per hour in excess of the legal speed limit. This would not apply to evidence obtained through the use of LIDAR within a school zone or an active work zone.

Local and regional police officers of political subdivisions would be authorized to use LIDAR for traffic safety purposes only. Each local or regional police department that uses radar or LIDAR would be required to annually report to the Department of Revenue (DOR) the municipal revenue generated from speed enforcement citations on forms as prescribed by DOR. If the municipal share revenue generated from speed enforcement citations by radar or LIDAR exceeds 20 percent of the total municipal budget or 20 percent of the municipal budget of each municipality within a regional police department, the excess sum must be remitted to DOR to be deposited into the General Fund. These funds would then be appropriated by the General Assembly to be used for traffic safety purposes.

This act would be effective 120 days upon passage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Department of Revenue (DOR)**

The Department of Revenue (DOR) would incur an annual cost of \$520,000 for five additional personnel positions for the reconciliation of annual reports against municipal budgets.