

Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 70

Bill #: HB 19 GA

Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to the disposal of vehicles forfeited to law enforcement agencies.

Sponsor: Rep. Hubert Collins

Unit of Government: City County Urban-County
 Charter County Consolidated Local Unified Local
Government

Office(s) Impacted: Law enforcement agencies

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

Effect on
Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 19 GA amends KRS 218A.420 so that any vehicle seized by and forfeited to a law enforcement agency which has been contaminated with methamphetamine cannot be used, resold, or salvaged for parts. Instead, that vehicle must be destroyed or salvaged only for scrap metal. HB 19 GA also clarifies that determining whether a vehicle has been contaminated with methamphetamine must be done by a law enforcement agency and that the presence of prepackaged materials or other products or precursors not subject to extraction shall not qualify a vehicle as being contaminated.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

The fiscal impact of HB 19 GA on local law enforcement would be minimal.

The money from the sale of a forfeited vehicle would remain with the law enforcement agency that seized it. The provisions of HB 19 GA could result in some lost revenue but the exact dollar amount is unknown. Officials with the Kentucky Sherriff's Association stated that **18 counties** reported having seized a methamphetamine-contaminated vehicle

in 2013 and indicated that the provisions of HB 19 GA would likely have a greater impact on smaller law enforcement offices.

Data Source(s): LRC staff; Kentucky Sherrif's Association

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