Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2018 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1735
Bill #: HB 612
Document ID #: 5965
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to driving under the influence.
Sponsor: Representative Jim DuPlessis
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County Unified Local
<u>x</u> Charter County <u>x</u> Consolidated Local <u>x</u> Government
Office(s) Impacted: local law enforcement
Requirement: Mandatory _X_ Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 612 would amend KRS 189A.010 to establish that a vehicle used in the commission of a third or fourth offense DUI (Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol) may be forfeited to the state in conformance with forfeiture procedures in KRS 500.090.

KRS 500.090 provides that forfeited property, other than firearms, that has been seized by an agency of state, county, or city government may, upon order of the trial court, be sold at public auction and the proceeds paid to the state or to the county or city whose agency or peace officer seized the property. Property that has been seized by an agency of county, city, or urbancounty government may be sold or may be retained for official use by the government whose agency seized the property, or for official state use. Expenses of keeping and transferring the forfeited property, and of satisfying any valid liens, are paid by the unit of government that sells or retains it.

The fiscal impact of HB 612 on local governments is indeterminable, but likely to be moderate. In Calendar Year (CY) 2017 there was a combined total in circuit and district courts of approximately 1,110 convictions for DUI 3rd and 4th resulting from arrests by local

police, i.e. not Kentucky State Police. Under HB 612 each of these convictions could result in a forfeited vehicle that could be sold or retained for use by the local government. It is difficult to estimate how much revenue would be generated for local governments from sale of forfeited vehicles used in the commissions of those 1,110 DUI offenses, or the savings to local governments who would be able to retain such vehicles for their own use and not buy a vehicle. Many forfeited vehicles are used in undercover work.

A private auctioneer, that conducts auctions of forfeited vehicles for Louisville Metro Police Department, estimates the average age of the vehicles they forfeit at 10 years and the average sale price at approximately \$300. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office reports they auction only about 5-7 forfeited vehicles every few years. One officer reports that in the past 7 years there were only 2 such auctions, with a total of \$43,000 realized from one sale and \$17,000 from the second sale. Lexington-Fayette Urban-County Government (LFUCG) Division of Police reports that in FY 2017 it sold 5 confiscated vehicles, ranging in model year from 2002 to 2004, and put in service 2 confiscated vehicles, both model year 2008. The average sale amount for the 5 vehicles sold was \$3,218, with a low of \$1,925 and a high of \$6,100. To date, in FY 2018 LFUCG has sold 4 confiscated vehicles ranging from model year 1996 to 2008, and put in service 1 confiscated vehicle, model year 2010. The sale price of the sold vehicles averaged \$3,758, with a low of \$2,000 and a high of \$5,650. Data is insufficient to determine whether there were any outstanding liens on the vehicles, which would have been satisfied out of the sale proceeds.

It is likely that HB 612 would increase the confiscation and sale of vehicles by local law enforcement agencies, which would result in increased revenue to local governments.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II pertains to the bill as introduced and there are no prior introduced versions of the bill.

Data Source(s): McGinnis Auctions; Franklin County Sheriff's Department; Lexington-

Fayette Urban County Governmen, Division of Policet

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