

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 384

PRINTER NO. 354

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

February 5, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Kail

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 384 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the penalty for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license for the type or class of vehicle being driven.

This legislation amends § 1504 (relating to classes of licenses) by adding a new subsection that makes a violation of § 1504(a) a summary offense punishable by a fine of up to \$200. Currently, a violation of § 1504 is a summary offense to which no penalty applies, 75 Pa.C.S. § 6502 (relating to summary offenses) provides for a fine of \$25 for any summary offense violation for which another penalty is not provided.

The fine of \$25 is maintained for any person charged that furnishes satisfactory proof of having held the proper class of license valid on the last day of the preceding driver's license period and no more than six months has elapsed from the last date for renewal.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to data from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), there were 978 convictions for violations of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1504 (relating to classes of licenses) in 2018.

This legislation increases the current fine of \$25 to a fine of up to \$200. Assuming the same number of convictions with the maximum fine of \$200, this would result in \$195,600 being deposited into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account. This is an increase of \$170,550.