151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Hansen**
DESCRIPTION:	**CREATING A TOLL VIOLATION AMNESTY PROGRAM.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act takes effect upon signature by the Governor. Upon signature, this Act will be implemented no later than 60 days after enactment and end three months from the date of enactment.

2. This Act establishes the one-time Toll Violation Amnesty Program ("program") within the Department of Transportation. The program will provide an opportunity for people to satisfy toll debt on I-95 and SR1.

3. Per the Department of Transportation, there is approximately $143.4 million in toll debt from unpaid tolls, penalties, and fees on I-95 and SR1. The 3-year average collection rate on toll debt is 8.4%.

4. Under state law, each toll violation results in an administrative fee of $25, a civil penalty of $25, and for violations that occurred after January 31, 2017, a $10 fee for the Volunteer Ambulance Company Fund, and a $15 fee for the Fund to Combat Violent Crimes. In addition, a civil penalty of $12.50 is added for each toll violation that remains unpaid for 42 days.

5. Under this program, toll violations that occurred on I-95 and SR1 between January 1, 2014, through April 30, 2020, are eligible to be satisfied.

6. To satisfy toll debt under the program, a person must pay the full amount of tolls owed and in lieu of administrative fees, an amnesty fee of $60.00-$1,110.00, dependent upon the number of outstanding toll violations.

7. To implement the provisions of this Act, the Department of Transportation anticipates the need for the following:
   a. $629,463 for contractual program support.
   b. $321,015 for postage expenses.

8. Assuming a 3.7% collection rate during the three-month program, the Department would collect $1,730,263 in tolls and amnesty fees. The Volunteer Ambulance Company Fund will receive an amount that equals 12% of the amnesty fee, and the Fund to Combat Violent Crimes will receive an amount that equals 17% of the amnesty fee for toll violations that occurred after January 31, 2017. Remaining collection revenue would be applied to the program costs, and finally to the Transportation Trust Fund.

Cost:	**Transportation Trust Fund**
Fiscal Year 2022:	$950,478
Fiscal Year 2023:	Not applicable
Fiscal Year 2024:	Not applicable

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