BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: HB1674
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Impact: No direct impact anticipated

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1674 provides that any person who unlawfully obstruct the normal use of any public street, highway or road within this state by impeding, hindering or restraining motor vehicle traffic or by standing or approaching motor vehicles or by endangering the safe movement of motor vehicles or pedestrians are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in the county jail, a fine on not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 or both nine and imprisonment. Additionally, the person is liable for all damages to person or property. The measure provides that a motor vehicle operator who unintentionally causes injury or death while fleeing a riot is not to be held criminally or civilly liable. The measure provides that if an organization is found to be a conspirator with persons committing riot related crimes, the organization may be punished by a fine that is ten times the amount of said fine authorized by the appropriate provision.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure modifies the penalties for rioting. The measure provides that individuals that unlawfully obstruct traffic are guilty of a misdemeanor.

Upon review, no direct impact to state revenues or expenditures is anticipated from passage of the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

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