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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: MUNICIPAL JUDGE ADVISEMENT FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, municipal judges will be required to inform defendants of certain rights at his or her first appearance in municipal court beginning May 1, 2017. This bill excludes traffic infractions and violations resulting in the loss of four or fewer drivers license points from this requirement.

Background

For prosecutions of municipal charter and ordinance violations and beginning on May 1, 2017, House Bill16-1309, enacted last year, requires municipal judges to inform a defendant, at the first appearance, of his or her rights related to self-incrimination counsel, trial by jury, pleas, bail, and the charges against him or her.

Local Government Impact

This bill reduces municipal court workload beginning September 1, 2017. The elimination of the requirement for a municipal judge to inform a defendant of his or her rights in traffic infractions and certain traffic violations creates a workload efficiency. Beginning September 1, 2017, this bill may create staff and court cost savings in municipalities that handle a large number of traffic cases.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect September 1, 2017, and applies to violations committed on or after the effective date.

State and Local Government Contacts

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