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HB17-1083

FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0496  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Liston  
Sen. Gardner

**Date:** August 29, 2017  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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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 for which the penalty is only a fine and arrest is prohibited and for which a court cannot issue a bench warrant from this requirement.

**Background**

For prosecutions of municipal charter and ordinance violations and beginning on May 1, 2017, House Bill 16-1309, enacted last year, requires municipal judges to inform a defendant, at 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**

Currently, municipal courts are preparing to implement HB16-1309 beginning May 1, 2017. This bill increases municipal court workload by a minimal amount to adjust policies, procedures, and forms related to the advisement of defendants to exclude traffic offenses.

**Effective Date**

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 13, 2017, and became effective on May 1, 2017. It applies to violations committed on or after the effective date.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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