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**SB17-251**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-1057 **Date:** August 14, 2017  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Tate **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
 Rep. Arndt; Liston **Fiscal Analyst:** Ryan Long (303-866-2066)

**BILL TOPIC:** DEPT REVENUE RECORDS INSURER & SALVAGE POOL

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2017-2018</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
Cash Funds	2,500	2,500
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal workload impact.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing minimal workload impact.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, a tow carrier who tows abandoned motor vehicles uses an electronic system to access the Department of Revenue's (DOR) records to determine and notify the motor vehicle's owner or lienholder. This bill allows insurers and salvage pools to use the same electronic system to determine a vehicle's owner or lienholder if the vehicle is the subject of an insurance claim processed by the insurer or is possessed by a salvage pool.

**Background**

Under current law, the DOR provides a user interface for tow operators and law enforcement to perform Colorado records searches related to abandoned vehicles. Records are used to return stolen vehicles and to notify relevant parties that the vehicle will be sold at auction if not claimed. Tow operators are required to pay a fee of \$2.20 for each vehicle search performed; there is no charge for vehicle searches performed by law enforcement.

**State Revenue**

***The bill increases state revenue to DOR by \$2,500 beginning in FY 2017-18 to the State Titling and Registration account in the Highway Users Tax Fund.*** The fiscal note assumes that approximately 460 insurers and 40 salvage pools will require access to the electronic system. It is assumed that each insurer and salvage pool will be required to pay a \$5 annual fee to establish their account, for a total of \$2,500 per year. The fee for each search is currently \$2.20; the number of searches is not expected to change significantly under this bill.

**State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2017-18, the DOR will have a workload increase to annually establish new accounts, process payments for searches performed, and maintain accounts for insurers and salvage pools accessing the system. Workload will also decrease due to a reduction in searches performed by title and registration staff. As a result, no change in appropriations is required.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 2, 2017, and became effective on August 9, 2017.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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