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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Neville ORIGINAL DATE 1/20/16
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Lead in Sale of Recycled Metals Act SB 76

ANALYST Liu

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 76 amends the Sale of Recycled Metals Act to include lead material. SB 76 defines lead material as a lead-acid battery or material readily identifiable as being made of or containing lead. The bill adds lead to the list of materials secondhand metal dealers must keep a record of purchase detailing the place and date of purchase, the name and address of each person from whom the material is purchased, the identifying number of the personal identification document of each person from who the material is purchased, the year, make, model, and license plate number of the motor vehicle used to transport the material, and a description of the type and quantity of the material purchased.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Adding lead to the list of regulated materials will strengthen the goals of the Regulation and Licensing Department. The agency supports the addition of “lead material” to the list of regulated metals as it will allow for administrative prosecution of lead theft problems in the state.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

In Arizona, scrap metal businesses and used automotive component dealers are required to report their scrap metal data and lead acid battery recycling transactions to the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Scrap metal dealers and used automotive dealers are also required to collect and retain certain information at their business location.

(<http://www.azdps.gov/Services/smtdb/>)

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If not enacted, RLD foresees a growth in lead and battery related property crimes because it is not a regulated material. The Recycled Metals Program is already strengthening its grip on other regulated materials. Criminals and secondhand metal dealers are shifting toward lead because it is not a regulated material and is easier to sell.

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