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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 01/28/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB154 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Antonio Maestas **Agency Name and Code Number:** 770-NMCD  
**Short Title:** Limit Deferment of Sentence for Moving Traffic Violation **Person Writing:** Anisa Griego-Quintana  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Senate Bill 154 would amend the Motor Vehicle Code to prohibit a court from deferring a sentence of a person who commits a moving traffic violation if that person has, within the past year, had a sentence for a moving traffic violation deferred.

“Moving traffic violation,” in this context, means:

- Failure to obey traffic-control devices or signals
- Speeding
- Failure to yield
- Reckless driving
- Careless driving
- Racing on highways.

Applies to violations of traffic laws that occur on or after the effective date, July 1, 2025.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

By limiting the ability to defer sentences for those who have already had a deferral in the past year, the amendment would help ensure that repeat offenders face more immediate consequences. This could deter individuals from repeatedly violating traffic law, knowing that deferrals are no longer an option to avoid penalties.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None for the Corrections Department.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo.

**AMENDMENTS**

None proposed by the Corrections Department.