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TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RADAR DEVICES BY STATE AND MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Labor and Public Employees, Public Safety, Transportation

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sHB 5070

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Revenue Impact (Transportation Fund and General Fund), see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Minimal Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Public Safety

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of this bill as amended would result in a minimal revenue impact to the State (Transportation Fund and General Fund) and minimal costs to various municipalities. The bill as amended bans State and local police officers from using hand-held, nonionizing-radiation-emitting radar guns in the course of their employment to detect or prevent motor vehicle violations. It also prohibits the use of any other kind of speed monitoring radar device that emits nonionizing radiation inside a patrol vehicle. The State Police (Department of Public Safety) and most municipal police departments have already changed their procedures for the use of radar that conform to the requirements of the bill. Departments modified their units (at a cost of about $20 per unit), traded them in for car-mounted units, or have used other speed monitoring devices. This was done with minimal cost and with a minimal impact on these departments' enforcement of traffic laws.

The bill as amended also includes the use of speed monitoring lasers and VASCAR devices as being a prima facie presumption of accuracy sufficient to support speeding convictions, similar to radar. As these units are being used to replace or augment radar, this would ensure that the appropriate use of these new technologies in traffic enforcement will result in convictions and maintain or increase ticket revenues.

House Amendment "A" added the provision concerning speed monitoring lasers and VASCAR devices and results in a potential minimal revenue gain.