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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5888  
FILE NUMBER:  
AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF TESTS IN  
DRUNKEN DRIVING CASES"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Judiciary

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5888

STATE IMPACT	Potential Cost, Potential Minimal Cost, Can be Absorbed, Potential Minimal Revenue Gain, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, Can be Absorbed, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Judicial Department, Department of Public Safety, Department of Health Services

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: The passage of the bill would result in minimal cost to the Judicial Department and the Department of Public Safety that can be absorbed within normal budgetary resources. Since the bill allows greater flexibility in the administration of tests to those suspected of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and in the admissibility of such evidence; more convictions, court cases and revenue from fines could result. To the extent state police officers choose to administer more costly tests on suspects, costs would accrue to the State Police, but are anticipated to be absorbed within normal budgetary resources.

In addition, passage of this bill will potentially result in an increase in the number of blood or urine samples submitted to the State Toxicology Division of the Connecticut State Laboratory. To the extent that this occurs the Department of Health Services will incur costs of \$215 per test. Additional staff would be required by the Department of Health Services if a significant number of additional samples are submitted for testing.

The Department of Health Services is entitled, pursuant to State statute, to receive a fee of \$50 from persons convicted of a substance abuse related crime if a test was performed by the Toxicology Division. For convictions made during the year ending December, 1991,

the Judicial Department transferred funds, in the amount of \$1,850, to the DOHS for this purpose. To the extent that passage of the bill results in increased substance abuse related convictions, a potential revenue gain to the State would ensue.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of the bill could result in cost to local police departments when police officers choose to administer a more costly test. It is anticipated that potential costs could be absorbed within normal budgetary resources.