

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1421**  
**LC# 25.0609.02000**  
**01/28/2025**

**1 - State Fiscal Effect**

*Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

|                | 2023-2025 Biennium |             | 2025-2027 Biennium |             | 2027-2029 Biennium |             |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds |
| Revenues       |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| Expenditures   |                    |             |                    | \$6,796,000 |                    | \$466,000   |
| Appropriations |                    |             |                    | \$6,796,000 |                    | \$466,000   |

**2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect**

*Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

|                  | 2023-2025 Biennium | 2025-2027 Biennium | 2027-2029 Biennium |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Counties         |                    |                    |                    |
| Cities           |                    |                    |                    |
| School Districts |                    |                    |                    |
| Townships        |                    |                    |                    |

**3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary**

*Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

HB 1421 proposes in section 1 a fee to be registered to operate a farm tractor on an interstate highway. Section 6 and 7 increases the speed limit on interstate from 75 to 80 mph, allows for digital variable speed limit signs and minimum 40 mph speed limit signs.

**4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail**

*Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

**Section 1**

It is proposed that a farm tractor register to operate on an access-controlled, paved and divided, multilane interstate highway of \$25. Also, proposed in section 2 and 3 are violation fees of \$100 or \$200 for violations of the proposed changes to 39-04-19.

#### Section 6

Increases the speed on interstate highways from 75 mph to 80 mph. 216 new 80 mph signs will need to be installed. Allows director to designate high accident zones and may reduce the speed limit to 60 mph in these zones. The number of zones is unknown.

Allows director to lower speed on for weather impacting safety. Installing 216 digital variable speed limit signs, supports, power and connectivity.

#### Section 7

Assumption that 40 mph minimum signs would need to be installed. Install 216 new 40 mph and update sign supports.

## 5 - Revenues Detail

*For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

NDDOT is unable to determine the revenue impact in section 1 as the motor vehicle division does not track farm tractors. The remaining sections of the bill have no revenue impact.

## 6 - Expenditures Detail

*For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

#### Section 6-1.i

216 signs - 75 to 80 mph signs = \$180,000

#### Section 6-3

Unknown

#### Section 6-4

216 signs - Digital variable speed signs = \$5,400,000 Annual operating costs for electricity and connectivity = \$233,000/yr

#### Section 7

216 - Minimum 40 mph signs and supports = \$750,000

## 7 - Appropriations Detail

*For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

To cover the additional expenditures, NDDOT would need an addition to the 25-27 and 27-29 biennia appropriations of \$6,796,000 and \$466,000 respectively.

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