

SF447 - 15A - Consumer Protection Restitution Acct. Established

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative.
 Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Dollars in Thousands					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Total	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-

Bill Description

SF 447 establishes a "consumer protection restitution account" to be administered by the Attorney General's Office. Section 2 details the account as part of the special revenue fund, appropriated annual to the AGO. It provides for 50% of all money recovered in AG enforcement actions to be deposited into the account and the remaining 50% deposited in the general fund. Section 1 also provides money recovered for restitution but that cannot be reasonably distributed to identifiable victims should also be deposited in the account. It also provides conditions for which the AGO may deem distributions from the account as impractical and not required.

Section 2 provides that the AGO must distribute account funds for compensation to consumers with identifiable losses from practices subject to AGO enforcement. The AGO may also use up to 3% of the accounts for the costs of administering the account. Section 2 also requires annual reporting on account activity.

Assumptions

The AGO does not project any expenditures or revenues to the Attorney General's Office as a result of the bill's enactment. Under current law, money from Attorney General enforcement actions, including actual damages, punitive or exemplary damages, statutory damages, and civil and criminal penalties are deposited into the General Fund. The bill would direct a portion of that money to the newly created Consumer Protection Restitution Account, with the rest continuing to be deposited in the General Fund. Money in the Consumer Protection Restitution Account can only be distributed to those as defined in Subd. 5 of the bill. To the extent the AGO can appoint an administrator to identify and distribute funds, the position would be funded from the newly created account and would not impose new costs on the AGO.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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