HB 361 -- DNA PROFILING

SPONSOR: Lipke

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill exempts traffic violation cases from the \$15 surcharge assessed as court costs and deposited into the DNA Profiling Analysis Fund. This fund pays for the collection and analysis of DNA profiles of persons convicted of a felony or sex crime. Currently, a \$30 surcharge is assessed upon all felony convictions and a \$15 surcharge upon all misdemeanor convictions, which includes traffic offenses.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill specifies that traffic offenses are not subject to the \$15 surcharge for DNA profiling.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lipke; and Office of State Courts Administrator.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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