

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 8, 2005

TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1372 by Jones, Jesse (Relating to the operation of lawn mowers; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the operation of lawn mowers and provides penalties.

The bill would make it an offense for a person younger than 10 years of age to operate a power lawn mower. The bill would also make it an offense for a person to carry a passenger younger than 14 years of age on a riding lawn mower unless the riding lawn mower is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger. The offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200. If a person has been previously convicted of this violation, the offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. On the first conviction of a person for an offense, the court, in addition to assessing a fine, may order the defendant to perform 8 to 12 hours of community service at a hospital trauma center. If the court orders a defendant to perform community service, the court shall require the defendant to present to the court, not later than the 90th day after the date of final conviction, evidence in the form prescribed by the court that the defendant, as ordered by the court, has satisfactorily performed the required hours of community service.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405 Department of Public Safety

LBB Staff: JOB, SR, VDS, SJ