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TO: Honorable Kevin Bailey, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

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

IN RE: HB195 by Gonzalez Toureilles (Relating to the transfer of certain abandoned or forfeited property to county or municipal agencies.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

If an agreement exists between the attorney representing the state and law enforcement agencies, the bill would authorize the attorney to transfer abandoned or forfeited property to a municipal or county agency for that agency's use. Under current statute, such property may be transferred only to a municipal or county law enforcement agency.

The bill would also authorize a law enforcement agency in receipt of an abandoned or forfeited vehicle to transfer the vehicle to any municipal or county agency. The law enforcement agency would also be responsible for auctioning abandoned or forfeited vehicles transferred to another municipal or county agency once use of the vehicle is discontinued.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007 and would apply only to property and vehicles seized or taken into custody on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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