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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3837 by Coleman (Relating to the offense of failure to comply with an order from a fire marshal and the authority of certain county employees to issue citations for certain violations; changing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to reduce the penalty for failure to comply with an order from a fire marshal from a Class B to a Class C misdemeanor in certain circumstances. The bill would also authorize certain counties to grant the authority to issue these citations to certain county employees not currently authorized.

Local Government Impact

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

Lost revenue from reduced fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies:

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