

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Bill Version: SB 224  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
 Title Act Lowering the Limits for DUI for those under RDU Alaska State Troopers  
21 years of age Component AST Detachments  
 Sponsor Sen. Cowdery  
 Requester Senate Transportation Component No. 2325

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 224, if passed, will amend AS 28.35.030 to make it a criminal offense to drive under the influence if the person is under 21 years of age, and has a blood alcohol content of .02 or more.

The fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety is indeterminable for several reasons.

Based on data provided by DMV, there were about 82 individuals who may have been subjected to the provisions of this bill had it been law in 2003. It is not known how many of those 82 individuals would have been handled by the Alaska State Troopers.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

DMV's data also reports that there were about 144 other individuals contacted by law enforcement officers, but the officer determined that there was insufficient probable cause to arrest them and obtain a blood alcohol sample. It could be assumed that some of these persons would have had a blood alcohol level of .02 to .079. Processing the increased number of suspects in accordance with this proposed bill would be time consuming for law enforcement officers.

As written, SB 224 will be challenged repeatedly in the adjudication process. This is especially true for the lower blood alcohol levels. The defense will target the accuracy of the blood alcohol measuring instruments, the probable cause that led to the contact, and the process that the officer used to determine the individual was under the influence prior to asking for a breath sample. All of this will cost additional court time in order to make the officers available for testimony. It will require additional testimony from the Crime Lab technicians regarding the accuracy of the instruments used to measure blood alcohol.

The amount of time that will be required to achieve a conviction, and the time needed to handle arrestees under the age of 18 (juveniles), is unknown. Therefore, the fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety is indeterminate.