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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 228, L.D. 650, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Crime of Theft by Deception to Include False Impressions as to Identity"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class B, C, D and E crimes. Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class B and C crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. For Class B crimes, the cost to the State per sentence is \$96,237 based upon an average length of stay of 3 years and 6 months. For Class C crimes, the cost to the State per sentence is \$61,894 based upon an average length of stay of 2 years and 3 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class B and C crimes.

For Class D and E crimes, if a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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2 The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund
appropriations to cover indigent defense costs related to these
new cases. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. The
4 additional workload and administrative costs associated with the
minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be
6 absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase
8 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.