

HB 1188 -- CRIMINAL CASE FEES (Lipke, 157)

This bill clarifies that various costs assessed in criminal cases must also be assessed in those cases in which a defendant pleads guilty. Many of the existing statutes use the term "convicted," creating an ambiguity as to whether costs are to be assessed in cases where the court grants a suspended imposition of sentence and the defendant's record is expunged upon successful completion of a probationary period.

The bill also amends the list of misdemeanor offenses for which a \$10 fee is assessed for the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. Current law lists 14 chapters of law for which the fee is assessed. The bill changes this to all misdemeanors, except for driving offenses, watercraft regulations, and fish and game offenses.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007. Estimated income of More than \$100,000 in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.