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## Fiscal Note

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### **H.937– An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures**

As recommended by the House Committee on Judiciary<sup>1</sup>

#### **Bill Summary**

**T**his bill proposes to make a number of miscellaneous amendments related to civil and criminal procedure statutes.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The Joint Fiscal Office estimates this bill will have a de minimis fiscal impact.

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#### **Background and Details.**

##### **Section 2**

Individuals between the ages of 12-21 who knowingly violate subdivisions (1)(A)-(D) of 7 V.S.A. § 656 commit a civil violation and are enrolled in the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program. If an individual fails to complete this program successfully, they are subject to a monetary civil penalty and suspension of their operator's license. For a first offense, this suspension shall be 30 days, and for a second and subsequent offenses, the suspension shall be 90 days. Section 2 of the bill proposes to allow for the automatic reinstatement of their operator's license after the period of suspension has concluded. Currently, under 23 V.S.A. § 675, before a person's operator's license can be reinstated, they must pay the commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles a fee of \$96. This section would effectively eliminate this fee for applicable individuals. In 2025, there were 84 violations that required a reinstatement fee that would be waived under this proposed section. Assuming a consistent number of violations in the future, this section would reduce revenues to the Transportation fund by approximately \$8,000 per year.

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