BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.: SB1195 Version: Engrossed Senate

Request Number:

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Impact: None to State

Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 1195 creates a new law concerning anemometer towers. The measure defines the term anemometer as an instrument for measuring and recording the speed of wind. Similarly, the measure defines anemometer tower is defined as a structure, including all guy wires and accessory facilities, on which an anemometer is mounted. The measure requires that, in addition to any zoning requirements of the Airport Zoning Act or the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act, any anemometer tower that is fifty feet tall or higher, located outside a municipality, must be marked, painted, flagged, to be recognizable in clear air daylight hours. The measure requires that any new tower constructed be marked in equal, alternating bands of aviation orange and white, beginning with orange on the top and with orange at the bottom. The measure requires that two marker balls be attached to the guy wires. The area that guy wires are attached to the ground must have a contrasting appearance to any surrounding vegetation. At points where the ground is grazed, the area surrounding the anchor point must be fenced. Finally, one or more seven-foot safety sleeves must be placed at each anchor point and extend from the anchor along the guy wire. The measure provides that violations of this act will constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB1195 has been reviewed and determined to have no impact on state revenues. There is a fine not exceeding \$100.00 per day and \$1,000.00 per day (not to exceed \$5,000.00) for subsequent violations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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