This legislation creates new Class A, B, and C misdemeanors. To the extent that more people are convicted as a result of this bill, for each case, this bill could increase revenue/case to the following accounts beginning in FY2020: (1) Criminal Surcharge - $900 per Class A, $400 per Class B, $75 per Class C; and (2) Court Security Account - $50 per misdemeanor of any class.

Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state expenditures.

Local Government

Enactment of this bill could increase revenue to local governments by between $215 and $1,000 per case for fines/fees related to new misdemeanors. Additionally, to the extent that new penalties are issued, enactment of this legislation could increase penalty revenue for local governments; the aggregate amount is unknown. This bill could also cost justice courts an unknown amount in court processing costs and county jails about $70/day/offender in incarceration costs.

Individuals & Businesses

Enactment of this legislation could cost tobacco business owners an unknown amount to implement electronic age verification programs. Additionally, to the extent that individuals commit the new misdemeanors enacted by this bill, it could cost certain offenders between $340 and $1,950 per case; the total amount is unknown. Additionally, this bill enacts new penalties; to the extent that individuals and businesses commit violations, they could be impacted by increased fees. The aggregate impact is unknown.
Regulatory Impact

Enactment of this legislation could result in a small increase in the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance Note

No performance note required for this bill

Notes on Notes

Fiscal notes estimate the direct costs or revenues of enacting a bill. The Legislature uses them to balance the budget. They do not measure a bill's benefits or non-fiscal impacts like opportunity costs, wait times, or inconvenience. A fiscal note is not an appropriation. The Legislature decides appropriations separately.