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HB16-1415

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: DRIVER & MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-19
State Revenue	\$1,776,850	\$2,609,088	\$3,242,264
Licensing Services Cash Fund	\$1,776,850	\$2,609,088	\$3,242,264
State Expenditures			
TABOR Impact	\$1,776,850	\$2,609,088	Not Estimated
FTE Position Change			
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing state cash fund revenue increase.			

Summary of Legislation

Recommended by the Joint Budget Committee, this bill changes how the state funds driver and vehicle services within the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Specifically, this bill increases the fees charged for services, allows for funding through the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF), eliminates the end of the year transfer of the excess reserve from the Licensing Services Cash Fund (LSCF) to the HUTF, and exempts the LCSF from the limit on cash reserves. The bill also specifies that the surcharge to retake a driving test applies regardless of whether an applicant retakes the exam with the DMV or with an approved third-party.

Background

In 2007 the General Assembly created the LSCF and fees charged by the DMV were deposited in the LCSF to pay for the operation of the DMV. There have been several modifications to the funding of the DMV since 2007, including in 2014 when the DMV was allowed to raise fees in a limited way and several other financing changes were made. Despite the changes in 2014, a gap remains between the DMV appropriations and fee revenue generated in the LSCF. In the past two budgets, the funding gap has been filled by one-time only appropriations from the General Fund.

State Revenue

This bill increases LSCF revenue by \$1,776,850 in FY 2016-17, \$2,609,088 in FY 2017-18, and \$3,242,264 in FY 2018-19 and similar amounts in future fiscal years. Table 1 below compares the cost to provide each document with the current fee and new fee.

	Cost to Provide	Current fee	New Fee
Driver's License	\$27.88	\$25.00	\$28.00*
Duplicate License or Permit	\$12.33	\$9.00	\$12.00
Driver's License Extension	\$6.51	\$3.60	\$6.50
Driving Record	\$17.37	\$2.60	\$9.00
Certified Driving Record	\$21.72	\$3.20	\$10.00
Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Testing Unit License (Initial)	\$3,093.17	\$360.00	\$3,094.00
CDL Testing Unit License (Renewal)	\$1,051.49	\$120.00	\$1,052.00
CDL Tester License (Initial)	\$147.29	\$120.00	\$148.00
CDL Tester License (Renewal)	\$139.11	\$60.00	\$140.00

Source: Joint Budget Committee

*The fee for driver's licenses increases by \$1.00 per fiscal year until it reaches \$28.00 on July 1, 2018.

Fee Impact on Individuals, Families or Business. State law requires legislative service agency review of measures which create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. The DMV forecasts the number of documents issued based on historical trends. The new fees were applied to these forecasts to determine the increase in LSCF revenue. Tables 2 through 4 identify the fee impact of this bill for FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18, and FY 2018-19, respectively. Tables 3 and 4 differentiate the fee impact for driver's licenses separate from that for other documents affected by the bill because the bill increases the fee for driver's licences gradually through FY 2018-19, while the fee for other documents are increased only once. Relative to current law, fee revenue from all other documents are estimated to increase \$907,183 each fiscal year, while fee revenue from driver's licences will increase by \$869,667 in FY 2016-17, \$1,701,905 in FY 2017-18, and \$2,335,081 in FY 2018-19.

Type of Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Fee Change	Number Affected	Total Fee Impact
Driver's License	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$1.00	869,667	\$869,667
Duplicate License or Permit	9.00	12.00	3.00	36,855	110,565
Driver's License Extension	3.60	6.50	2.90	4,160	12,064
Driving Record	2.60	9.00	6.40	104,896	671,334
Certified Driving Record	3.20	10.00	6.80	704	4,787
CDL Testing Unit License (Initial)	360.00	3,094.00	2,734.00	4	10,936

Table 2. Fee Impact on Individuals Under HB 16-1415 for FY 2016-17 (Cont.)					
Type of Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Fee Change	Number Affected	Total Fee Impact
CDL Testing Unit License (Renewal)	120.00	1,052.00	932.00	89	82,948
CDL Tester License (Initial)	120.00	148.00	28.00	31	868
CDL Tester License (Renewal)	60.00	140.00	80.00	171	13,680
TOTAL					\$1,776,850

Table 3. Fee Impact on Individuals Under HB 16-1415 for FY 2017-2018					
Type of Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Fee Change	Number Affected	Total Fee Impact
Driver's License	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$2.00	850,953	\$1,701,905
All Other Documents					907,183
TOTAL					\$2,609,088

Table 4. Fee Impact on Individuals Under HB 16-1415 for FY 2018-19					
Type of Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Fee Change	Number Affected	Total Fee Impact
Driver's License	\$25.00	\$28.00	\$3.00	778,361	\$2,335,081
All Other Documents					907,183
TOTAL					\$3,242,264

TABOR Impact

This bill increases state revenue from DMV services, which will increase the amount of money required to be refunded under TABOR. TABOR refunds are paid out of the General Fund. Since the bill increases the TABOR refund obligation without a corresponding change in General Fund revenue, the amount of money available in the General Fund for the budget will decrease by an identical amount.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. The new fees take effect July 1, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

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