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**SB17-240**

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FISCAL NOTE**

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

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**BILL TOPIC:** SUNSET MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS SALES

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2017-2018</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>	<b><u>at least \$173,800</u></b>	<b><u>at least \$3,573,800</u></b>
<i>Continuing revenue</i>		
Cash Funds		3.4 million
<i>New revenue</i>		
Cash Funds	at least 173,800	at least 173,800
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$191,282</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,356,629</u></b>
<i>Continuing expenditures</i>		
Cash Funds		3.2 million
<i>New expenditures</i>		
Cash Funds	175,551	140,898
Centrally Appropriated Costs	15,731	15,731
<b>TABOR Impact</b>	\$121,000	\$3,521,000
<b>FTE</b>	<b><u>0.8 FTE</u></b>	<b><u>29.0 FTE</u></b>
<i>Continuing FTE</i>		28.2 FTE
<i>New FTE</i>	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$175,551 – Departments of Revenue and Public Safety (FY 2017-18).		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Continuation and increase in revenue and expenditures through FY 2027-28.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill, **as amended by the Senate Finance Committee**, continues the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board and the regulation of powersports vehicle sales through September 1, 2027, and implements some of the recommendations from the Department of Regulatory Agencies' (DORA) sunset report, including:

- requiring a fingerprint-based criminal history background check for all licensees;
- requiring an additional license for any new ownership interest in a licensed entity;
- subjecting a principle dealer license to discipline when he or she violates the laws governing salespeople by acting as a salesperson;

- requiring people who have had licenses revoked to wait one year before applying for a new license; and
- codifying the Auto Industry Division (AID) as a Type 2 transfer under the Department of Revenue (DOR) and making administrative updates.

## **Background**

**Motor Vehicle Dealer Board.** The Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board in DOR processes and reviews license applications for entities and individuals selling motor vehicles and powersports vehicles. The board also generally enforces the laws regarding licensees, including holding hearings, ordering corrective actions, and resolving consumer complaints. The board participates in setting fees for the AID, which are set at a level sufficient to fund its direct and indirect program costs.

**Automobile Industry Division.** The AID in DOR employs criminal investigators to review and evaluate consumer complaints against licensees. Additionally, these criminal investigators have limited peace officer authority, enabling them to write criminal summonses (citing persons into county court) for unlicensed motor vehicle sales activities, which are then adjudicated in county court. The AID is funded by licensing fees set by the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board.

## **Fiscal Impact of Programs Set to Expire**

This bill continues a program in DOR that is set to repeal effective July 1, 2017. In the current FY 2016-17, this program has projected revenue of \$3.4 million and expenditures of \$3.2 million and 28.2 FTE. Under current law, state agencies may be appropriated funds to wind up the affairs of an expiring program for 12 months following the repeal date. To account for the wind-up period, the impact of extending the program beyond the current repeal date is shown as beginning in FY 2018-19, one year after the repeal date. There is no need for an appropriation of the current base funding for the program in FY 2017-18 since its authorization has not yet expired and ongoing funding for the program has been included in the department's base budget request.

## **State Revenue**

By continuing and modifying the regulatory program for motor vehicle and powersports vehicle dealers, **the bill increases overall cash fund revenue by at least \$173,800 in FY 2017-18 and by at least \$3,573,800 in FY 2018-19**, deposited into two funds — the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Identification Unit Cash Fund in the Department of Safety (DPS), of which \$52,800 is passed through to the FBI each year; and the Auto Dealers Cash Fund in DOR. Of the FY 2018-19 amount, \$3,400,000 represents the continuation of existing revenue to the program and at least \$173,800 is new revenue generated under the bill. These new revenue impacts are discussed further below.

**Department of Revenue — Automobile Industry Division.** The fiscal note assumes that the AID will minimally adjust fees to finance the new DOR expenditures in the bill, which amount to \$12,568 in FY 2017-18 and \$4,568 in FY 2018-19, as shown in Tables 1 and 2.

**Department of Public Safety — background check revenue.** This bill will also increase state cash fund revenue by \$173,800 in FY 2017-18 and \$173,800 in FY 2018-19 to DOR, which is reappropriated to the CBI in DPS and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for fingerprint-based criminal background checks. The AID receives an average of 4,400 license applications per year and the fingerprint background check fee is \$39.50.

**Fee impact on motor vehicle and powersports vehicle dealers.** Colorado law requires legislative service agency review of measures which increase any fee collected by a state agency. Background check fees have been estimated for the fiscal note. Minimal AID fee adjustments across all motor vehicle and powersports vehicle licensees will be set administratively by the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board to cover the expenditures required under the bill.

<b>Table 1. Fee Impact on Motor Vehicle and Powersports Vehicle Dealers and Salespersons</b>					
<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Estimated Fee</b>	<b>Fee Change</b>	<b>Number Affected</b>	<b>Total Fee Impact</b>
<b>FY 2017-18</b>					
Licensing and Renewal Fees*	\$96 to \$519	TBD	TBD	20,000	minimal
CBI/FBI Background Check Fee	N/A	39.50	39.50	4,400	173,800
<b>FY 2017-18 Total</b>					<b>\$173,800</b>
<b>FY 2018-19</b>					
Licensing and Renewal Fees*	\$96 to \$519	TBD	TBD	20,000	minimal
CBI/FBI Background Check Fee	N/A	39.50	39.50	4,400	173,800
<b>FY 2018-19 Total</b>					<b>\$173,800</b>

**TABOR Impact**

This bill increases state cash fund revenue from fees, which will increase the amount of money required to be refunded under TABOR for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19. 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. The federal pass-through moneys, which total \$52,800 per year under the bill, are not subject to TABOR.

**State Expenditures**

By continuing and modifying the regulatory program for motor vehicle and powersports vehicle dealers, **the bill increases expenditures in DOR and DPS by \$191,282 and 0.8 FTE in FY 2017-18 and \$3,356,629 and 29.0 FTE in FY 2018-19**, paid from the CBI Identification Unit Cash Fund in DPS and the Auto Dealers Cash Fund in DOR. These costs are summarized in Table 2 and described below. Continuation costs are shown as base expenditures in FY 2018-19. New expenditures are generated by the bill's requirement that all *new* applicants submit to a fingerprint background check, and the fiscal note's estimate that there will be 4,400 applications per year.

<b>Table 2. Expenditures Under SB17-240</b>		
<b>Department of Revenue</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
Computer Programming	8,000	
Printing and Postage	4,568	4,568
Base Expenditures		3,200,000
Base FTE		28.2 FTE
<b>DOR Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12,568</b>	<b>\$3,204,568</b>
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
Personal Services	\$42,686	\$42,686
FTE	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	5,463	760
Training	2,000	
FBI Pass-through Costs	52,800	52,800
AFIS-related Costs	46,790	26,840
Print Digitization	6,820	6,820
CCIC Access	3,872	3,872
Printing and Postage	2,552	2,552
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	15,731	15,731
<b>DPS Subtotal</b>	<b>\$178,714</b>	<b>\$152,061</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$191,282</b>	<b>\$3,356,629</b>
<b>TOTAL FTE</b>	<b>0.8 FTE</b>	<b>29.0 FTE</b>

\* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Department of Revenue.** As shown in Table 2, the bill increases overall expenditures from the Auto Dealers Cash Fund in the Department of Revenue by \$12,568 in FY 2017-18 and \$3,204,568 in FY 2018-19.

**Computer programming.** This bill requires changes to DOR's GenTax software system. Changes are programmed by a contractor at a rate of \$200 per hour. The changes in this bill are expected to increase expenditures by \$8,000, representing 40 hours of programming. All GenTax programming changes are tested by department staff. The department can perform the testing required in this bill within existing appropriations. The bill will also require programming to the MyLO licensing software, which can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Printing and postage.** AID is currently required to send a single, two-page letter to licensed motor vehicle salespeople to notify them of a future license expiration. The bill requires that an additional letter be sent to the salesperson's employer. Estimating 8,157 mailings per year, at a cost of \$0.07 for printing, paper, and envelopes, and \$0.49 for postage, the AID will spend an estimated \$4,568 per year on these mailings beginning in FY 2017-2018.

**Legal services.** DOR will need to perform rulemaking related to the bill, but these costs are expected to be accomplished within the department's legal services budget. Should additional legal services be required, the DOR will utilize the annual budget process.

*Base expenditures.* The base expenditures represent the continuation costs for the licensing of motor vehicle and powersports vehicle dealers and salespersons. In the current FY 2016-17, this program has projected expenditures of \$3.2 million and an allocation of 28.2 FTE. See Fiscal Impact of Programs Set to Expire section above for more information about program sunsets.

*Department of Public Safety.* As shown in Table 2, the bill increases overall expenditures from the CBI Identification Unit Cash Fund in the Department of Public Safety by \$178,714 and 0.8 FTE in FY 2017-18 and \$152,061 and 0.8 FTE in FY 2018-19.

*Personal services.* Beginning in FY 2017-18, DPS will require 0.5 FTE Fingerprint Examiner and 0.3 FTE Data Specialist to process the 4,400 fingerprint background applications that the fiscal note assumes will be generated under the bill from motor vehicle and powersports vehicle dealers and salespersons. Due to recruitment difficulties, the salary levels are increased by approximately \$185 and \$127 per month respectively. A Fingerprint Examiner can process 8,250 requests per year, and a Data Specialist 16,500. These employees will undertake a one-time training session that costs \$1,000 per person.

*Federal Bureau of Investigation Pass-through.* The DPS passes \$12 of every application on to the federal government. With 4,400 applications, this equates to \$52,800 per year.

*Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) costs.* The FTE requires the purchase of an AFIS workstation (\$5,000) and software license (\$14,950) in FY 2017-18. In addition, for each fingerprint background application, \$6.10 is dedicated to AFIS equipment maintenance.

*Other costs.* In addition to the costs outlined above, there is a \$1.55 per-application print digitization cost; a \$0.88 per-application cost to access the Colorado Crime Information Center for information pertinent to the background check; and a \$0.58 per-application printing and postage costs.

*Centrally appropriated costs.* Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. Standard DPS indirect costs of 11.6% are included on the department's personal services costs. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and summarized in Table 3.

<b>Table 3. Centrally Appropriated Costs Under SB17-240</b>		
<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$7,040	\$7,040
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	3,825	3,825
Indirect Costs (DPS)	4,866	4,866
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,731</b>	<b>\$15,731</b>

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

**State Appropriations**

In FY 2017-18, the bill requires a cash fund appropriation of \$12,568 from the Auto Dealers Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue and a cash fund appropriation of \$162,983 and 0.8 FTE from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Identification Unit Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety. Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Safety, \$52,800 will be passed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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**Research Note Available**

An LCS Research Note for SB17-240 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.