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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: DRIVER'S LICENSE ELECTRONIC RENEWAL BY SENIORS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill changes issuance and renewal requirements for state driver licenses and identification cards, and creates a reporting requirement for the Department of Revenue. The bill increases state workload beginning in FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill makes several changes to issuance and renewal requirements for state driver licenses and identification cards, and requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to report to the General Assembly. These changes are described in more detail below.

Mail and electronic ID renewal periods. Current law allows individuals to renew their driver license by mail every other renewal period, and to renew electronically for two consecutive renewal periods. This bill removes these restrictions and requires renewal in person only if the photo of a person on file with the DOR is sixteen years old or older, as required by federal law pursuant to the Real ID Act.

Eye exam requirements. To renew a driver license by mail, current law requires individuals under the age of 66 to attest to having had an eye exam within three years prior to renewal, and requires individuals 66 or older to obtain a signed statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist attesting that the individual had an eye examination with a satisfactory result within the last six months. This bill changes the threshold for both of these requirements to 80 years of age, requires that persons under 80 years of age attest to having had an eye exam within one year prior to renewal, and extends these requirements to electronic renewal of a driver license.

Age requirements for electronic ID renewal. Current law allows individuals aged 21 to 65 to renew their driver license or identification card electronically, and allows individuals over the age of 65 to renew an identification card electronically if they meet certain additional requirements. This bill allows anyone over the age of 21 to renew a driver license or identification card electronically without meeting the additional requirements.

Driving log certification for minors. Current law requires an individual under the age of 18 to have a driver's log or other written evidence certifying that they have driven at least fifty hours, signed by a person who has also signed an affidavit of liability. This bill allows a driver license to be issued to a person under 18 years of age if their driving log is signed by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult.

Report to the General Assembly. The bill requires DOR to report annually to the General Assembly about motor vehicle accidents in Colorado. These reports must include data, organized by the age of the at-fault driver, on the cause and most apparent human contributing factor of each accident. The first report must be submitted by June 1, 2022, and a subsequent report must be submitted by June 1 of each of the following two years.

State Expenditures

In FY 2021-22, the bill increases workload in the DOR for rulemaking, reporting to the General Assembly, and updating training, forms, and manuals. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 24, 2021.

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