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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4672 Amended by Senate Transportation on April 18, 2018  
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**Subject:** Driver's Licenses  
**Requestor:** Senate Transportation  
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**Impact Date:** April 23, 2018

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>			
General Fund	\$0	See Below	See Below
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>			
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The amended bill is expected to increase General Fund expenditures of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by approximately \$176,000. This amount includes \$97,000 for nonrecurring expenditures for the purchase of eighty-one ortho-raters for branch offices and will occur in FY 2019-20. The remaining \$54,000 in nonrecurring expenditures is for the necessary coding and testing of current software in order to reinstate vision screenings for driver's license renewals and may be split between FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21. Recurring General Fund expenditures of DMV will increase by approximately \$25,000, beginning in FY 2020-21 for a part-time temporary employee to support the electronic reporting of vision statements from optometrists and ophthalmologists. The amended bill will have no expenditure impact on Other Funds or Federal Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by Senate Transportation on April 18, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

The amended bill modifies Section 56-1-220 to require a vision screening for all individuals upon renewal of their driver's license. The vision screening may be waived if a Certificate of Vision Examination form is received and is executed by the certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist within the previous twelve months. The Certificate of Vision Examination form must be transmitted electronically to DMV pursuant to the department's electronic specifications. The bill takes effect October 1, 2020.

DMV indicates that the amended bill will increase General Fund expenditures by approximately \$176,000. Of this amount, approximately \$151,000 is nonrecurring. Approximately \$97,000 in nonrecurring funds is needed to purchase eight-one ortho-raters for branch offices and will occur in FY 2019-20. Approximately \$22,000 in nonrecurring funds is needed for the necessary coding and testing of current software in order to reinstate vision screenings for driver's license renewals. Approximately \$32,000 in nonrecurring funds is needed for coding and testing for the development of a portal where optometrists and ophthalmologists can submit vision statements to DMV. DMV indicates that the funds for coding and testing may be split between FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21. The portal is necessary in order to work towards any online functionality for driver's license renewals. Further, DMV indicates recurring General Fund expenditures will increase by approximately \$25,000, beginning in FY 2020-21 for salary and fringe for a part-time temporary employee to support the electronic reporting of vision statements.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

**Updated for Additional Agency Response**

**Amended by House Education and Public Works on February 14, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

The amended bill requires a vision screening for all individuals upon renewal of their driver's license after October 1, 2019. The vision screening may be waived if a Certificate of Vision Examination form is received and is executed by the certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist within the previous twelve months.

DMV indicates that the amended bill will increase General Fund expenses by approximately \$176,000. Of this amount, approximately \$151,000 is nonrecurring. Approximately \$97,000 in nonrecurring funds is needed to purchase eight-one ortho-raters for branch offices and will occur in FY 2018-19. Approximately \$22,000 in nonrecurring funds is needed for the necessary coding and testing of current software in order to reinstate vision screenings for driver's license renewals. Approximately \$32,000 in nonrecurring funds is needed for coding and testing for the development of a portal where optometrists and ophthalmologists can submit vision statements to DMV. DMV indicates that the funds for coding and testing may be split between FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. The portal is necessary in order to work towards any online functionality for driver's license renewals. Further, DMV indicates recurring General Fund expenses will increase by approximately \$25,000, beginning in FY 2019-20 for salary and fringe for a part-time temporary employee to support the electronic reporting of vision statements. This section of the impact statement has been updated to include a response from DMV.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

**Introduced on January 24, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

This bill requires a vision screening for all individuals upon renewal of their driver's license. The vision screening may be waived if a Certificate of Vision Examination form is received and is executed by the certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist within the previous twelve months.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the General Fund, Other Funds, and Federal Funds is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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