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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4672 Amended by House Education and Public Works on February 14, 2018
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Impact Date: February 20, 2018 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

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

Fiscal Impact Summary

The amended bill will increase non-recurring General Fund expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by approximately \$151,000. Of this amount, approximately \$97,000 for the purchase of eighty-one ortho-raters for branch offices will occur in FY 2018-19. The remaining \$54,000 for the necessary coding and testing of current software in order to reinstate vision screenings for driver’s license renewals may be split between FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. Recurring General Fund expenses of DMV will increase by approximately \$25,000, beginning in FY 2019-20 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. This impact statement has been updated to include a response from DMV.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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 non-recurring. Approximately \$97,000 in non-recurring funds is needed to purchase eight-one ortho-raters for branch offices and will occur in FY 2018-19. Approximately \$22,000 in non-recurring 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 non-recurring 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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