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Bill Number:	H. 4688	Introduced on January 14, 2020
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Subject:	Admissibility of Copies of Certain Motor Vehicle Documents	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will decrease General Fund expenditures of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by at least \$45,936 per fiscal year because the agency will no longer mail physical certified copies of motor vehicle records. However, the total decrease in expenditures is undetermined because there will be additional savings in office supplies such as paper, envelopes, and ink that cannot be estimated.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill provides that certification of photostatic, optical disk, or certified copies of motor vehicle application, registrations, notices of cancellation, suspension or revocations, reports of violations, and documents pertaining to the motor vehicle safety responsibility laws of the state must include a watermark applied to a copy of the document when printed from DMV's computer system. The agency reports that currently, when a person purchases a motor vehicle record (MVR) online, he or she receives an immediate electronic copy, and the agency then mails the certified paper copy. However, this bill will allow the certified copy to be electronic, thus saving paper, ink, envelopes, postage, and employee time.

DMV processes an average of 320 MVRs online per day, which absorbs about two hours of each of the three employees' workdays. The department intends to use these six hours that are saved by allowing electronic certification to meet other critical needs within the agency. While the agency anticipates saving the office supply costs related to mailing certified copies, the total amount is undetermined. Based on the current price of postage, General Fund expenditures of DMV will decrease by at least \$176 per day, or \$45,936 for the average fiscal year of working days.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director