



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 4011	Amended by House Education and Public Works on April 2, 2025
Subject:	Department of Motor Vehicles	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This amended bill updates language to align with current practices of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The bill also allows DMV to issue a temporary identification certificate to an applicant while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive an identification card. Additionally, the bill gives DMV the discretion to approve a request to expedite the production and mailing of a beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card if it deems the circumstances are warranted. The additional fee for an expedited card is \$90 and must be used to offset the costs of the production and mailing of expedited cards. Further, the amended bill changes the time period for the validity of a driver's license or identification card for an individual who is authorized to live, work, or study in the United States to the time period in which the individual is authorized to stay in South Carolina.

The bill charges DMV with additional responsibilities that the agency can accomplish with the additional \$90 fee for the expedition of a beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card. While the number of expedited requests is unknown, DMV anticipates that the expedited fee will fully cover the department's costs to produce and mail the credentials. For reference, DMV indicates that most states that currently use expedited processing with centralized issuance experience less than 0.1 percent of card production being expedited.

Since the amended bill aligns the validity period of a driver's license or identification card of a person who is authorized to live, work, or study in the United States with the time period in which the holder of the card is authorized to stay in South Carolina, the bill may require some license holders to renew their driver's licenses and identification cards more frequently. While this may result in an increase in revenue that is allocated to Other Funds of the Department of Transportation (DOT), the time frame of the United States documents varies on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT is undetermined. For reference, DMV reports there are currently 9,383 licenses that are subject to renewal based upon authorization to stay in South Carolina.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by House Education and Public Works on April 2, 2025

State Expenditure

This amended bill replaces the term “temporary driver’s permit” with “temporary driving certificate,” which aligns the code with current practice of DMV. Additionally, the bill allows DMV to issue a temporary identification certificate to an applicant while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant’s right to receive an identification card. Further, the bill gives DMV the discretion to approve a request to expedite the production and mailing of a beginner’s permit, driver’s license, or identification card if it deems the circumstances are warranted. The additional fee for an expedited card is \$90 and must be used to offset the costs of the production and mailing of expedited cards.

This amended bill also changes the time period for the validity of a driver’s license or identification card obtained by a resident of South Carolina who is authorized by the United States Department of Justice, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the United States Department of State to live, work, or study in the United States on a temporary or permanent basis. Currently, these driver’s licenses and identification cards are issued for a period of at least one year but not more than eight years. This amended bill aligns the validity period of the driver’s license or identification card with the validity period in which the holder of the card is authorized to stay in South Carolina.

The bill charges DMV with additional responsibilities that the agency can accomplish with the additional \$90 fee for the expedition of a beginner’s permit, driver’s license, or identification card.

State Revenue

This amended bill gives DMV the discretion to approve a request to expedite the production and mailing of a beginner’s permit, driver’s license, or identification card if it deems the circumstances are warranted. The additional fee for an expedited card is \$90 and must be used to offset the costs of the production and mailing of expedited cards. This bill will increase Other Funds revenue of DMV due to the additional \$90 fee. While the amount of the increase is undetermined as the number of requests for expedited cards is unknown, the increase in revenue is expected to offset the costs related to expediting the current processes. For reference, DMV indicates that most states that currently use expedited processing with centralized issuance experience less than 0.1 percent of card production being expedited. DMV further indicates that a vendor’s data from four states indicates that monthly expedited requests ranged from 0 to 80 and that the number of expedited requires typically decreases over time as customers become familiar with the process.

This amended bill further aligns the validity period of a driver’s license or identification card of a person who is authorized to live, work, or study in the United States with the validity period in which the holder of the card is authorized to stay in South Carolina. Currently, these driver’s licenses and identification cards are issued for a period of at least one year but not more than eight years. DMV indicates that these authorizations often occur for periods of less than one

year. The fee for a temporary driver's license is \$12.50, and the fee for a temporary identification card for individuals between the ages of 5 and 16 is \$15. These fees are credited to the State Non-Federal Aid Highway Fund, which is Other Funds of DOT. This amended bill may require some license holders to renew their licenses and identification cards more frequently, which may result in an increase in revenue. However, the time frame of the United States documents varies on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DOT is undetermined. For reference, DMV reports there are currently 9,383 licenses that are subject to renewal based upon authorization to stay in South Carolina.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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