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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0585	Introduced on April 16, 2025
Subject:	Motor Vehicle Registration	
Requestor:	Senate Transportation	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	May 5, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the application form for a motor vehicle registration to include language allowing an applicant to voluntarily indicate that he has been diagnosed with, or is the parent or legal guardian of a child or ward who has been diagnosed with, certain disabilities or disorders. If the applicant indicates one of the specified diagnoses on the application, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) must include the designation "SAFE," which is the abbreviation for "Safeguarding American Families Everywhere," in the motor vehicle record but may not include personal identifying information or any diagnosis. DMV is required to allow an owner or co-owner to update a motor vehicle registration to include or remove the "SAFE" designation at any time.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A



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