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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF AN IDENTITY CARD
OR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO A PERSON
BEING DISCHARGED FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8571)

House Calendar No.: 359

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	59,721	244,856
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	25,573	104,847
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	Up to 5,000	Up to 20,000
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund; TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to ensure certain incarcerated individuals have a state identity card or driver's license² when they are released from a correctional facility resulting in the costs described below.

To meet the requirements of the bill the DOC will have to hire four

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

² The bill only includes renewal driver's licenses, it does not include issuing of initial driver's license.

new employees (three correctional counselor's and one financial clerk) for a cost to the DOC of \$59,271 in FY 24³ and \$244,856 in FY 25, along with associated fringe benefit costs of \$25,573 in FY 24 and \$104,847 in FY 25. The amendment requires the DOC to:

- Determine if each new inmate has an identity card or driver's license and when it expires.
- Determine the documentation needed 24 and 13 months before the discharge date for an inmate and facilitate the process by providing forms, fees, waivers, mailing, etc.

Currently, DOC and DMV must ensure an inmate possess an identity card or license if they request one, qualify for one, and pay the associated fees. In FY 22 the DOC helped over 1,300 inmates secure a driver's license or a non-driver ID and approximately 8,000 inmates were discharged from correctional facilities.

The bill results in a cost to DMV of up to \$5,000 in FY 24 and up to \$20,000 in FY 25 for processing and issuance costs related to ID cards and license renewals. The cost would be dependent on implementation decisions made by DMV and DOC. The bill also results in a revenue gain to the Special Transportation Fund for ID card and license renewal fees. It is unknown how many additional incarcerated people will apply for IDs and driver's license renewals under the amendment.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of incarcerated people requesting ID cards and licenses.

³ The costs in FY 24 reflect the bills effective date of April, 1, 2024.