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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, STUDYING AN EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION DATABASE OR REVISIONS TO MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS AND REQUIRING THE SAFETY DRIVING COURSE TO INCLUDE EDUCATION ON THE EFFECTS OF CANNABIS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain/ Loss	Minimal	Minimal
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the Special Transportation Fund	TF - Potential Revenue Gain/ Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Note: TF=Transportation Fund; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Various sections of the bill eliminate the separate license for "limited repairers," instead requiring those businesses to get "repairers" licenses. While the requirements for both types of licenses are similar, and both

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have a \$340 license fee, it's possible that a subset of limited repairers would opt not to transition to a repairers license, resulting in a potential minimal revenue loss to the Special Transportation Fund (STF) from fewer licensure fees. On average, limited repairer licenses result in annual revenue of less than \$20,000.

Section 14 requires driver school licensees to submit to a state background check when renewing their license, resulting in a potential revenue gain. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) conducts state background checks for a \$75 fee per person, paid to the General Fund (GF). State background checks also require fingerprinting, which DESPP conducts for a \$15 fee per person, paid to the Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account.¹

Section 15 permits courts to suspend the fine for a first-time violator of the car seat safety statutes if the violator acquires a car seat or booster seat, as appropriate, within 14 days of the violation, resulting in a potential revenue loss from fines. In FY 22, roughly \$13,000 was collected in revenue for car seat safety related violations.

Various sections of the bill make changes to penalties for counterfeiting vehicle registration, plates, or markers as well as operator licenses; these acts are now considered to be infractions. This could potentially result in a loss of revenue to both the STF (base fine) and GF (surcharge). In FY 22, \$1,626 was collected for violations for using a license or a registration other than that which was issued to a person and/or vehicle. In FY 22, \$150 was collected for violations for counterfeiting or loaning plates, markers, operator's licenses, or registrations.

These sections also make the offense of loaning or selling an operator license to another person a Class D misdemeanor. This results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department and a potential revenue gain from fines. On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the

¹ Funds in the non-lapsing Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account are used for IT support and maintenance for the fingerprinting systems.

community is less than \$800² each year.

The other sections of the bill are technical, make conforming changes, or otherwise do not have a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of offenses.

² Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.