

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB407E

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Weatherholtz

3. Committee Transportation

4. Title Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This legislation proposes to amend §46.2 -208 of the Code of Virginia relating to the release of information contained in the records of the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV). The legislation specifically provides that, on the written request of any person who has applied to be a volunteer with a Virginia affiliate of Compeer, the DMV Commissioner will (i) compare personal information supplied by a Virginia affiliate of Compeer with that contained in the Department's records and, when the information supplied by a Virginia affiliate of Compeer is different from that contained in the Department's records, provide the Virginia affiliate of Compeer with correct information as contained in the Department's records and (ii) provide driver information (in the form of an abstract of the applicant's records showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions or revocations, and any type of driver's license that the individual currently possesses). This information will be provided free of charge.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary: See Item #8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal impact of this legislation is uncertain. This bill would, after receiving written authorization, permit a Virginia affiliate of Compeer to provide DMV with information for comparison with DMV records. In the event that the information provided to DMV is different from that contained in DMV's records, DMV would be required to provide the affiliate with corrected information and provide a driver record (showing all convictions, accidents, license suspensions/revocations and driver's licenses) of the would-be volunteer. (This bill would create a provision very similar to the provision contained in subsection B(13) of §46.2 -208 pertaining to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America. Compeer is a not-for-profit organization which matches community volunteers in supportive friendship relationships with children and adults receiving mental health treatment to share activities such as movies, sports, shopping, coffee and chat, or many of the free activities sponsored by the Compeer Program. There appear to be thousands of Compeer volunteers and responding to the requests could ultimately cost the DMV staff time and materials. However, it is difficult to estimate the potential costs without knowing the number of requests in any given year.

The bill would impact Compeer primarily by ensuring that this information is provided free of charge and could potentially impact the safety of Compeer clients by ensuring that Compeer has information regarding the driving record of its volunteer applicants, prior to permitting the volunteers to transport clients.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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