

**Department of Motor Vehicles
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

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1. Bill Number HB542

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

2. Patron Bell

3. Committee Transportation

4. Title Driver's licenses; use of social security number.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Under current Virginia law, the social security number (SSN) appears on the driver's license unless the customer requests an alternate control number. Under this proposal, a control number would be required for all licenses issued by DMV. If a customer makes a request in writing to DMV, the SSN could appear on the license.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary. See No. 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Currently, the assignment of an alternate control number is a secondary option in the issuance of a driver's license. Under the provisions of this bill, the assignment of an alternate number would become a primary option. This would require minor programming adjustments to the DMV automated system and all web applications (internet, touch-tone, and extrateller). Programming costs to implement these changes are estimated to be \$155,760.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments:

Based on a growing public concern over privacy protection and a recent increase in cases of identity theft using a SSN, a number of bills have been introduced in Congress prohibiting the display of a SSN on a driver's license. While no federal legislation has actually passed, Congress appears to be moving strongly toward the enactment of such a prohibition.

DMV must continue to capture the customer's SSN for record keeping and information exchanges with other government entities. DMV is required to collect this information under the federal Welfare Reform Act, and for Commercial Driver's License holders under the federal Commercial Driver Act.

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