

Department of Motor Vehicles 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB257

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** D. C. Jones

3. **Committee** Referral Pending

4. **Title** Driver's licenses; learner's permits; vision examinations.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Requires that applicants for issuance or renewal of driver's licenses and learner's permits who are 65 years old or older must pass a vision examination.

6. **Fiscal impact is preliminary** See Item 8 below.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** Under current law, the DMV Commissioner may waive the vision examination requirements for driver's license applicants. Also, current DMV policy allows eligible customers to renew their driver's license every other five year renewal cycle by an alternate method (mail, internet, touch-tone telephone, or extraTeller).

This proposal would require drivers age 65 and older to pass a vision examination every five year renewal cycle. Prior to renewal by an alternate method, these customers would need to appear at a Customer Service Center (CSC) for a vision screening, pass a vision examination administered by a licensed physician and mail the vision report to DMV, or pass a vision examination administered by a licensed physician and take it to DMV. This would result in increased traffic at CSC's and impact the workload and staffing requirements at DMV Headquarters. This bill has the potential to increase the volume of in person renewals, which could impact customer service and likely lead to a rise in staffing requirements in the CSC's. However, since it is unknown which of these methods would be used by these older drivers, the specific impact on DMV operations cannot be determined at this time.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** DMV

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** None

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