

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB416

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Lingamfelter

**3. Committee** Transportation

**4. Title** Safety inspections; vehicle registration.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Makes passage of a safety inspection a precondition to registration (or registration renewal) for vehicles required to be inspected. This eliminates the need for issuance of safety inspection approval and rejection stickers.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** PRELIMINARY; See Item 8 below.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Currently, vehicles may be registered via the Internet, mail, touch-tone phone or in person at a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office. Since the proposed legislation does not require automation of vehicle inspection stations, vehicle owners that have their vehicle inspected by a non-automated inspection station would be required to visit a DMV office in order to present their valid safety inspection approval certificate to register a vehicle. These additional customers would increase existing customers' waiting time at DMV offices. This would place additional pressure on DMV to increase staff to keep wait times to acceptable levels. At present, DMV does not have excess funding to pay for additional staff.

According to the Department of State Police, it would cost about \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for a computer system that would tie in inspection stations statewide, DMV and State Police. The State Police also estimate operating costs of about \$1,000,000 per year.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles and vehicle inspection stations statewide.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** The State Police are concerned with ensuring the safety inspection approval certificates' level of security for the on-line transmitting. Also, eliminating the sticker makes it less clear as to when the last time the vehicle was inspected.

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