

Department of Motor Vehicles 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB402

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** O'Brien

3. **Committee** Transportation

4. **Title** Driver's license and learner's permits; vision examination.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Driver's license and learner's permits; vision examination. Requires that persons 65 years old or older pass a licensed physician's vision examination before being issued a driver's license or learner's permit or having their driver's license or learner's permit renewed.

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 administered by a licensed physician every five year renewal cycle, and present evidence acceptable to DMV that they meet the vision requirements of §46.2-311. This would require customers to appear in person at a Customer Service Center (CSC) and present the vision report, or mail it to DMV Headquarters. This would result in increased traffic at CSC's, and impact the workload and staffing requirements at DMV Headquarters. In particular, the receipt of vision reports mailed in to Headquarters with limited customer identifying information would make it difficult to match reports with the correct customers. 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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