Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB646		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2.	Patron: So	cott, E. T.		
3.	Committee: Tr	ransportation		
4.	Title: Acc	ess to records of the	e Department of N	Motor Vehicles

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill provides that upon the request of any federal, state, or local governmental entity or their authorized agents, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will provide driver and vehicle record abstracts at a fee that is one-half the normal charge for an abstract. The bill further provides that upon the request of any federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, an official of any federal or state court, or authorized agent of any of the foregoing, the DMV Commissioner will supply this same information free of charge.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary.

6b. Revenue Impact:

Fiscal Year	Dollars	Positions	Fund
2005-06	-	-	-
2006-07	\$463,350	-	NGF
2007-08	\$463,350	-	NGF
2008-09	\$463,350	-	NGF
2009-10	\$463,350	-	NGF
2010-11	\$463,350	-	NGF
2011-12	\$463,350	-	NGF

- **7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 432.
- **8. Fiscal implications:** Currently, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) charges a fee for vehicle and driver abstracts if the requestor is not identified in §46.2-208 as being exempt from fees. Those individuals that request information directly from DMV are charged eight dollars (\$8) per abstract.

During FY 2005, DMV issued 1,657,114 driver and vehicle abstracts at no fee. Of these, 1,501,339 were issued to law enforcement and 155,775 were issued to federal, state and local governments, non-profit organizations (as defined in §46.2-208), courts, and court appointed counsel. This bill provides that four dollars, one half the regular abstract price, may now be charged for requests by the previously exempt government entities and non-profit organizations. Annual revenue of \$311,550 is expected to be generated from the estimated

half of the 155,775 abstract requests submitted annually by non-profit organizations or government entities.

In addition to driver and vehicle abstracts, DMV provides Ad Hoc reporting for non-profit and government agencies. These reports have been provided by DMV free of charge. During FY 2005, DMV processed an average of 440 Ad Hoc reports requesting information from driver, vehicle, or customer records. DMV's average cost to produce an Ad Hoc report is \$690. Assuming the number of Ad Hoc reports requested remains constant, the bill will allow DMV to recoup one half the estimated average cost of an Ad Hoc report, resulting in increased revenue of \$151,800.

- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Federal, state and local government, law enforcement, private companies, Department of Motor Vehicles.
- **10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.
- 11. Other comments: None.

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