

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB197

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Williams

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Driver's license reinstatement fees.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill would increase the additional fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked driver's license from \$40 to \$80. This additional fee would be paid to the Trauma Center Fund.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary.

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06	\$1,548,373	-	0902 – Trauma Center Fund
2006-07	\$9,290,240	-	0902 – Trauma Center Fund
2007-08	\$9,290,240	-	0902 – Trauma Center Fund
2008-09	\$9,290,240	-	0902 – Trauma Center Fund
2009-10	\$9,290,240	-	0902 – Trauma Center Fund

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill has no impact on the operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

In FY 2005, a total of 232,256 reinstatement fees were collected for all types of suspensions and revocations. Multiplying the total number of reinstatement fees collected in FY05 (232,256) by the additional \$40 fee proposed in this bill results in \$9,290,240 in new fees annually earmarked for the Trauma Center Fund. (The revenue impact for FY 2006 is an approximation, based on collection for two months.)

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Trauma Center Fund.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is a companion to HB 357.

Any person whose driver's license or privilege to register a motor vehicle has been revoked or suspended for any reason will be required to pay an additional fee.

The Trauma Center Fund was established in 2004 as a mechanism to help pay for the costs of providing emergency medical care to victims of automobile accidents that are attributed to alcohol or drug use. The enabling legislation set an initial \$50 fee to be paid to the court by those whose licenses are revoked or suspended due to convictions for alcohol- or drug-related offenses. An additional \$40 fee was established in 2005 and applied to those whose licenses are revoked or suspended for any reason. The Trauma Center Fund is administered by the Department of Health, and under Va. Code Section 18.2-270.01, payment is ordered by the courts.

Currently at the time of license reinstatement, a fee of \$40 for the Trauma Center Fund is assessed in addition to all other reinstatement requirements and fees and is collected by DMV. This bill doubles that fee, from \$40 to \$80. DMV will be required to collect \$80 for the Fund, instead of the current \$40. The courts will continue to collect the \$50 fee for the Fund, as specified in the original enabling legislation. In cases where the original \$50 fee is collected (for convictions resulting from alcohol- or drug-related offenses), a total of \$130 would be collected for the Fund by the time of reinstatement (\$50 from the court and \$80 from DMV). For reinstatements resulting from other types of convictions, a total of \$80 would be collected by DMV for the Fund.

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