

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1084

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Howell

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: **Learner's permit fees; requirements for issuance of driver's licenses to minors.**

5. Summary: This bill requires that minor applicants for a driver's license show they have successfully completed, with a parent or guardian, an in-person 90-minute or longer driver safety course prescribed by DMV. The bill also increases the learner's permit issuance fee from \$3 to \$8; the additional \$5 is to be retained by DMV to cover its costs associated with this new requirement.

6. Fiscal impact estimates: Preliminary. See Item #8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 441.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal impact of this bill cannot be accurately determined. In FY 2008, DMV issued 180,091 learner's permits. Based on this volume, a fee increase of \$5 would generate revenue of \$900,455. The additional revenue is to be retained to support delivery of "an in-person 90-minute or longer driver safety course" for the minor and his parent or guardian, emphasizing parental responsibilities, driving restrictions, and alcohol consumption and driving.

Similarly, the costs that would be incurred by DMV in implementing the provisions of this legislation cannot be accurately determined. The legislation does not specify whether DMV, school districts that conduct driver education programs, and/or private commercial driver training schools, would conduct the driver safety course. In addition, the legislation does not enumerate the specific course curriculum components that would be included in the driver safety course, or indicate what role the Virginia Department of Education would have in the development of such components. Currently, the curriculum components for driver education classes are developed and approved by the Department of Education.

The automated system costs required to implement this legislation are estimated at \$32,400.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Education, local jurisdictions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is a companion to HB 1782.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation