

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2528

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

2. Patron: Garrett

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Department of Motor Vehicles; vision screening.

5. Summary: This bill will require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to waive its own vision screening conducted in Customer Service Centers (CSCs) at the time of application for a driver's license or learner's permit when the applicant (a) presents a certificate that verifies that the vision test conducted at a public school shows that he meets the visual acuity and field of vision requirements, and (b) the vision test conducted by the school has been certified by a qualified organization.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See # 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: Under this bill, for each vision test waived and not performed in a CSC, DMV would then deposit into a separate account an amount equal to the savings realized for not performing the test. The monies in the separate account would be transmitted monthly to the qualified organization that certified the vision test processes in the public schools.

The provision requiring DMV to deposit the per-transaction savings to be realized by not having to conduct a vision test would require the addition of a field on the driving record to identify such transactions, as well as recording and tracking mechanisms. Implementation costs for these one-time changes to the DMV automated customer and revenue records is estimated at \$66,600. The agency could absorb these costs within existing resources.

Since the public school-issued vision test certificate would also serve as the record for a payment to be disbursed, each certificate will have to be scanned, and the scanned image stored for disbursement and audit records purposes. There would be additional expenses of \$61,161 annually associated with the handling, processing, and scanning of these certificates.

Although the time attributable to not performing vision tests at CSCs is estimated at \$24,464 annually, there would be no actual savings associated with waiving the vision test since it

would not result in a reduction in CSC staffing across Virginia. Transmitting this amount to the qualified organization(s) would be captured from DMV's existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation