

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB987

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Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Issuance of licenses, permits, and special identification cards to certain aliens

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue temporary driver's licenses, permits, and special identification cards to aliens granted "withholding of removal" under 8 U.S.C. § 1231(b)(3), also found at § 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or under 8 C.F.R. § 1208.16(c), also referred to as the Convention Against Torture.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There would be minimal impact on the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) automated systems to make table changes that would include a new category of individuals meeting legal presence requirements to obtain temporary driver's licenses, permits, and special identification cards. In addition, the DMV web page and publications, forms, and procedures would have to be modified.

The largest impact to DMV, at least initially, would be to the Identity Review office if there is an influx of customers that will not have the traditional paperwork needed to prove legal presence. Persons granted "Withholding of Removal" status cannot be verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program because their cases are handled through the Immigration Court. Generally, individuals granted "Withholding of Removal" status present Employment Authorization Cards with an A10 category code and Immigration Court documents showing they have been granted such status. These individuals' documents would likely have to be forwarded to Identification Review for verification. If this bill passes, there will likely be a need for additional staff in the Identification Review Work Center that would be responsible for reviewing the cases. The extent of the staffing impact cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This is a companion bill to HB 695.

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c: Secretary of Transportation