

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1229

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

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Issuance of a driver's license or learner's permit; minimum standards for vision tests.

5. Summary: This bill increases the minimum visual acuity an applicant must possess for issuance of a driver's license or learner's permit from a field of 100 degrees of horizontal vision in one or both eyes to a field of 120 degrees of horizontal vision in one or both eyes and increases the minimum visual acuity for a license permitting the driving of motor vehicles during a period beginning one-half hour after sunrise and ending one-half hour before sunset from a field of 70 degrees of horizontal vision to a field of 90 degrees of horizontal vision.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 442.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, there are 643 visual screening machines in use at Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Customer Service Centers (CSCs), mobile units and DMV Connect. The machines currently utilized for vision screenings do not have a setting that will allow for measuring a customer's visual field of 120 degrees when there is vision in one or both eyes. The increased settings available are 110 degrees, 140 degrees and 170 degrees. In order to accommodate the 120 degree requirement included in this bill DMV would have to purchase new machines at an average cost of \$3,463 per machine or \$2,226,812 for 643 machines.

DMV CSCs, mobile units, and Selects are currently equipped to test visual field at 110 degrees. If the bill were amended to raise the minimum visual field an applicant must possess for issuance of a driver's license or learner's permit from a field of 100 degrees of horizontal vision in one or both eyes to a field of 110 degrees of horizontal vision in one or both eyes, DMV would not need to purchase new screening machines, thus preventing a fiscal impact on the agency.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB 1504.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation