

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB289

House of Origin	☒ Introduced	☐ Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Driver's license designation; traumatic brain injury

5. Summary: This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), upon the request of the applicant and presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, to designate a traumatic brain injury on the applicant's driver's license.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill is difficult to calculate because of the predicted increase in drivers referred for medical review upon application for the traumatic brain injury (TBI) indicator. DMV's Medical Review Services is responsible for reviewing the abilities of individuals who may have a physical or mental condition impairing their ability to operate a motor vehicle safely and drivers acknowledging a TBI may frequently be referred for medical review. A predicted increase in drivers referred for Medical Review would likely result in increased costs to the agency's Driver Services and its Hearing Office.

This legislation may result in an expenditure increase for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), although the extent of the fiscal impact will be dependent on the number of individuals who hold or apply for a valid Virginia driver's license and request a traumatic brain injury indicator. DMV's current fiscal outlook precludes funding the cumulative burden of implementing the programming and staffing requirements of multiple pieces of legislation without improved revenue streams.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.