

**Department of Motor Vehicles
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB1315

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Wampler

3. Committee Transportation

4. Title Driver's license numbers.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill provides for nonissuance of driver's license numbers to persons with bona fide religious objections to issuance of such numbers.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are Unknown. See item 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

The driver's license number is a unique identifier that allows DMV to ensure that information specific to an individual is entered into the correct customer record in the DMV automated system. The name and date of birth alone do not provide sufficient information to accurately identify a customer, since there is often duplication in such dates and names. Utilization of the unique number also allows law enforcement officers to access the correct driving record of an individual in the DMV automated system when the individual has been detained during a traffic stop.

If DMV were not able to use the driver's license number, it is not clear how the agency would be able to uniquely identify each driver in its computer system. Although the legislation does not preclude the use of biometric information, the utilization of this technology is not a feasible option at this time and the cost of such an approach is not known. It should also be noted that DMV currently does not have statutory authority to use biometrics. In addition, current automated systems utilized by motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies are based on the use of a specific identifying number, and do not allow for the use of biometrics to access records. The utilization of biometrics in lieu of a driver's license number would require the development of a totally new automated system.

Based on this analysis, the cost incurred by DMV to implement this legislation cannot be determined.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: DMV.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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