

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB727

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Carrico

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Workers' compensation; presumptions, members of enforcement division of DMV

**5. Summary:** Adds full-time sworn members of the enforcement division of the Department of Motor Vehicles to those public safety employees who are entitled to presumptions that hypertension, heart disease, and certain infectious diseases are occupational diseases compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The conditions referenced in this bill are often high cost and chronic and can result in death or long term disability. For example, a review of heart lung presumption claims filed in FY 12 shows an average cost per claim of nearly \$57,000. Because the Commonwealth's State Employee Workers' Compensation Program premiums are experience-based, the Department of Motor Vehicles would bear any increased cost to the program for claims covered by this legislation. The magnitude of the costs is dependent on the number and severity of claims and thus, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** N/A

**Date:** 1/14/12