

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1229

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" 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: The 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 110 degrees of horizontal vision in one or both eyes.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The amended 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 110 degrees of horizontal vision in one or both eyes. 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 have a setting that will allow for measuring a customer's visual field of 110 degrees when there is vision in one or both eyes. The agency will not need to purchase new vision screening machines to implement the bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill was amended in House Transportation to remove the Senate's proposal to increase the minimum daylight driving only visual field requirement from a field of 70 degrees of horizontal vision to a field of 90 degrees of horizontal vision. The bill is now a companion to HB 1504.

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