

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1747

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Willett

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Driver's licenses; persons having defective vision; minimum standards of visual acuity and field of vision

5. Summary: This bill allows a driver's license without daylight restrictions to be issued to any person with visual acuity between 20/40 and 20/70 in one or both eyes with or without corrective lenses and a field of 110 degrees of horizontal vision in one or both eyes if such person's application is accompanied by a certification by an ophthalmologist or optometrist that there is no other condition that would impair such person's operation of a motor vehicle during nighttime hours.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill proposes permitting a driver whose visual acuity or field of vision currently would allow only a daylight-only driver's license to obtain a license without daylight restrictions if the applicant provided a certification from an ophthalmologist or optometrist that there was no medical condition that would impair the applicant's ability to drive at night.

The Department of Motor Vehicles does not anticipate significant implementation challenges associated with the bill and will be able to implement the legislation using existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.