

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0363

Title: Revise driver licensing and motor carrier safety

Primary Sponsor: David Wanzenried

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$29,491	\$1,581
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$29,491)	(\$1,581)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Justice (DOJ), Motor Vehicle Division currently conducts a national driving record check for more than 75,000 individuals each year for new and commercial applicants. The number of national driving records checks conducted each year by the division would increase by approximately 50,000, the number of driver license renewals processed each year that would also require a national driving record check once HB363 is effective on October 1, 2001. This would increase the time required to process a driver's license renewal. The time required for those national driving record checks will be dependent upon communication line speeds and response times.

2. In FY 2000, the division expended \$47,194 for computer processing time for driver licensing functions. It is assumed that conducting the national driving record checks for new and commercial driver licenses represents approximately 5% of the computer processing time or \$2,360 ($\$47,194 \times 5\%$) a year. Conducting the national driving record checks for all driver license renewals would result in a 67% increase (50,000 new record checks / 75,000 current number of record checks) in this computer processing time, an estimated increase of \$1,186 ($\$2,360 \times 67\% \times 75\%$) in FY 2002 and \$1,581 ($\$2,360 \times 67\%$) in FY 2003.
3. In FY 2000, the division processed 17 commercial driver licenses suspension actions. The increase in suspension actions based upon the provisions of HB 363 will be minimal and the division will be able to absorb the costs associated with those actions as well as the costs for printing new forms and training of field staff.
4. One-time operating costs in FY 2002 to the DOJ to add the national driving record checks for the new renewal process, and new conviction and driver control actions and suspensions are estimated at \$22,200 (296 hours x \$75/hour) for FY 2002. It will be necessary to contract for programming with an outside vendor since DOJ programming staff are committed to completing the current backlog of more than 15,000 hours of programming to comply with existing mandates. Computer costs to complete the programming are estimated at \$6,105 (37 days @ \$165/day). Total costs in FY 2002 for programming are estimated at \$28,305 ($\$22,200 + \$6,105$).
5. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$29,491	\$1,581
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$29,491	\$1,581
<u>Revenues:</u>	0	0
General Fund (01)		
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$29,491)	(\$1,581)

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Non-compliance may affect the State of Montana's authority to issue commercial driver licenses and the status of the State's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program.