

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0403 Primary Sponsor: Kim Gillan	Title: Restricted driver's license for minors Status: As Introduced
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Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$15,683	0
Revenue:	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$15,683)	0

<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. Each year approximately 14,300 individuals under age 18 receive their first driver's license issued by the State of Montana.
2. Of those issued, a restricted driver's license as described by HB 403, 5% would receive a first offense conviction and 3% of those would receive a second or subsequent conviction.
 14,300 individuals x 5% = 715 first offense convictions
 715 first offense convictions x 3% = 21 second or subsequent convictions
3. The Department of Justice (DOJ), Motor Vehicle Division would absorb the costs of processing the convictions, issuing the notification/warning letters, and driver license suspensions.

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4. DOJ additional one-time operating costs to create new conviction and action codes create new letters and restructure the driver license system restrictions database are estimated at \$12,300 (164 hours x \$75/hour) for FY 2002. A combination of DOJ programming staff and private vendors will be necessary to address the current backlog of more than 15,000 hours of programming to comply with existing mandates and the considerable system maintenance that is required. Computer costs to complete the programming are estimated at \$3,383 (20.5 days @ \$165/day). Total costs in FY 2002 for programming are estimated at \$15,683 (\$12,300 + \$3,382.50).
5. There is insufficient information available to project the impact of any fines that may be assessed as a result of violations of the provisions of HB 403.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$15,683	0
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$15,683	0
<u>Revenues:</u>	0	0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$15,683)	0

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Section 1(1)(b) prohibits a restricted licensee from operating a motor vehicle “unless all vehicle occupants are wearing seatbelts or are in proper safety restraints”. Since motorcycles are included in the definition of motor vehicles, this would require drivers under 18 to wear seatbelts when operating their motorcycles. Research does not support the use of devices like seatbelts attaching the rider to the motorcycle. Additionally, 61-13-103(2)(c), MCA specifically excludes motorcycles from seatbelt use requirements.