



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0851 - Establish a driving privilege card (Stafman, Ed )

**Status:** As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact     
 Needs to be included in HB 2     
 Technical Concerns  
 Included in the Executive Budget     
 Significant Long-Term Impacts     
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$208,460	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$3,975	\$3,975	\$4,035	\$4,095
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$204,485)</u>	<u>\$3,975</u>	<u>\$4,035</u>	<u>\$4,095</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 851 establishes eligibility for a Driving Privilege Card and passage of the bill would require the Department of Justice to implement programing and testing.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Department of Justice (DoJ)**

- The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) assumes that 20 hours of legal services at \$121 per hour would be need to draft rules and implement any provisions for a total of \$2420. (20 X 121 = \$2,420)
- It is estimated per the current card contractor, that changes to the current system would be needed to add the new language of Driving Privilege Card to the existing credentials at a cost of \$100,000.
- It is estimated that the CARS system would need one developer for 12 weeks of additional programming to include definition, configuration, development, and implementation at a cost of \$98,400.
- MVD assumes that 20 hours of testing from a Business Analyst at \$28.78 per hour and Quality Assurance at \$17.90 per hour. The total programming and testing costs for 20 hours are \$934. (20 X 28.78=\$575.60) + (20 X 17.90=\$358) = \$934

5. It is assumed that training costs would total \$6,052. The current 92 examiners would need 3 hours of training at an average hourly wage of \$19.48 to total \$5,376.48. It is estimated that the trainer would provide 10, 3-hour sessions at \$22.53 an hour to total \$675.9.  $((92 \times 3 = 276) \times 19.48 = 5,376.48) + ((10 \times 3) \times 22.53 = 675.9) = \$6052.38$ .
6. MVD assumes the needed website changes to provide the new application form would be \$654, 20 hours at \$32.69 per hour.  $(20 \times 32.69 = \$653.80)$
7. It is assumed that the cost of each Driving Privilege Card would cost \$5.00 per year and have an expiration date after 5 years.  $(5 \times 5 = \$25)$
8. MVD assumes that the number of individuals that could benefit from the Driving Privilege Card is unsure, however the department estimates that if the 159 refugees that relocated to Montana in 2022 met the requirement were issued a card the revenue would be \$3,975. There has been a 1.5% inflation factor applied to FY 2026 and FY 2027.
9. Montana Highway Patrol assumes that there will be additional revenue generated, however due to unknown numbers of driving and vehicle related fines for individuals that did not previously drive. The revenue would also depend on the number of citations written, the infractions committed, and the fines imposed by the courts.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$208,460	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$208,460</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$208,460	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$208,460</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$3,975	\$3,975	\$4,035	\$4,095
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$3,975</u>	<u>\$3,975</u>	<u>\$4,035</u>	<u>\$4,095</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$204,485)	\$3,975	\$4,035	\$4,095

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

1. Any County who issues citations would also see an increase in revenue dependent on the number of citations written, the infractions committed, and the fines imposed by the courts.

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