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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR SFI LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Expired License Info for Driving Cards SB CS/CS/427/SFIS

ANALYST Romero

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total				NFI		TRD - MVD

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Floor Substitute for Senate Bill 427 amends requirements for drivers to receive driver authorization cards or Real ID licenses and changes the validity for certain driving authorization cards and identification cards. A new section is added allowing valid and expired driver's licenses, of one year or less, as proof of an applicant's identification number, identity, age, and New Mexico residency, as required by the department. The bill also strikes the subsection only allowing valid New Mexico license or identification cards to fulfill the requirement. The bill also allows the Motor Vehicle Division of TRD to accept a medicare card to demonstrate the person's identity number.

The bill adds new language to the expiration time for identification cards issued to drivers that currently possess a New Mexico license that is valid or recently expired. The bill also outlines specific new sections of law detailing specific authorizations and expiration periods for identification cards not intended to be used for official federal purposes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be some costs associated with the implementation of this bill. However, since REAL was rolled out in November 2016, the infrastructure is already in place and the TRD – MVD operating budget will absorb any costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

TRD notes the following:

“Language on Page 3 lines 16 and 17 and on page 15 line 8 requires Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to accept a Medicare card to demonstrate the person's identity number. This document must be approved by the federal department of homeland security (DHS) as an exception. In the absence of such an exception from DHS, compliance with this statute would put MVD out of compliance with Real ID requirements and would jeopardize Real ID certification from DHS. The result would be that no driver's licenses or ID credentials issued by New Mexico MVD would be acceptable for federal purposes (to board a domestic flight, access a federal building – including the social security office, VA hospital, etc. – or access a nuclear facility. If DHS does not approve the exception process to use a Medicare card to demonstrate the person's identity number, the administration of this provision in the law would put New Mexico out of compliance.”

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