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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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**SHORT TITLE** Drivers' License Mailing Addresses **SB** 589/aSJC/aSfI#1

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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	<b>FY09</b>	<b>FY10</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Non-Rec</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>		Minimal			Nonrecurring	General Fund

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SFI #1 Amendment

Senate Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 589, as amended, clarifies that the title of the bill includes "Driver's Licenses".

#### Synopsis of SJC Amendment

Senate Judiciary Committee (SJC) amendment to Senate Bill 589 adds that driver's licenses shall be issued with "the face of the driver's license" showing "both addresses, if different".

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 589 proposes to amend Section 66-5-9 NMSA 1978, Motor Vehicle Code, to require an applicant for a New Mexico instruction permit, provisional license or driver's license to provide a mailing address if they have one other than the New Mexico residence address they have provided.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The SJC amendment may add a minimal non-recurring cost to redesign the face of license plate, update license application forms, and update the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) information technology system.

The Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) reports no fiscal impact related to this bill.

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) notes that there may benefit from this bill because there will be a secondary address available for service of summons and other purposes. The more parties to court proceedings that can be found, the more likely it is that the courts will collect more revenue in fines and fees. This could, in turn, potentially improve the fiscal status of various programs.

In addition, there will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be proportional to the enforcement of this law and commenced prosecutions. New laws, amendments to existing laws and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts, thus requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

By enacting this bill it will require all driver license applicants to list their mailing address if it is different than their home address. Currently, there are numerous drivers who are unable to receive mail from the motor vehicle division because their mailing address is not available.

Due to increased processing and verification requirements, MVD has stopped issuing plastic driver license, driver permit, and identification cards over-the-counter from field offices and moved to a centralized issuance based solution. A paper interim driver license, driver permit, or identification card is provided to the applicant in the field office, then later, after processing and verification has been completed, a plastic or permanent card is mailed from a separate, centralized location.

Because the central issuance (beginning in 2008) of licenses and IDs is necessary, MVD already requires the mailing address of every applicant for a New Mexico instruction permit, provisional license or driver's license, as well as the applicant's New Mexico residence address. Both residence and mailing addresses are required entries on the current driver's license application form.

An exception may be required for participants in the state's Confidential Address Program (CAP). MVD has developed policies and procedures for how to process applications from CAP participants.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Addresses listed on drivers' license applications often prove to be unreliable for the purpose of finding the license holder. Though the information can get quite stale over time, courts must rely on that address to make contact with cited drivers. Much of the courts' correspondence comes back undeliverable. A secondary address would allow the courts to successfully contact cited drivers more often. The drivers would be able to resolve their business more quickly with the courts. The cited drivers would thus avoid the issuance of warrants and the courts would be able to close out their outstanding cases more efficiently.