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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE TRD To Report On Driver License Guidelines SM 25

ANALYST Romero

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 25 requests the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) of the Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) to report to the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee no later than August 2018 on the implementation of easy-to-understand guidelines for the issuance of New Mexico driver's licenses, driving authorization cards and identification cards.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

TRD provided the following:

“It is hard to determine the desired outcome of the proposed presentations. Is the intent to afford certain customers and advocacy groups the opportunity to express displeasure, or is it to identify ways in which the motor vehicle division (MVD) can better inform the public of application requirements for a Real ID-compliant driver's license or identification card or a non-Real ID-compliant driver authorization card or non-Real ID-compliant identification card.

It will be necessary to set realistic expectations for the outcomes of presentations made to the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and other appropriate

interim committees.

If the desired outcome is to make changes to policy and procedure, the greatest impact will be on the processes associated with acquiring non-Real ID-compliant driver authorization cards (DACs) and identification cards. Real ID standards, requirements and implementation deadlines have been established by the federal department of homeland security and are inflexible. Deviations from those guidelines could result in New Mexico losing its certification as a Real ID compliant state, which would significantly and negatively impact New Mexico residents who rely upon a New Mexico issued driver's license or identification card to satisfy federal purposes.”

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

TRD also notes:

“Customers have various avenues to resolve individual-specific customer service issues at MVD; and advocacy groups have mechanisms to provide feedback and collaborate with MVD to improve the customer service provision. This memorial formalizes an ongoing dialogue between the motor vehicle division, its customers and advocacy groups. The outcome of the presentations and input received from attendees will build upon improvements already made by MVD and inform how MVD educates and interacts with applicants for Real ID-compliant driver licenses and identification cards and non-Real ID-compliant driver authorization cards (DACs) and identification cards.

Further administrative and compliance impact on MVD are unknown and dependent upon the results of the presentations.”

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