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House Bill 887 (Delegate Glass, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Motor Vehicle Administration - Copy of Driving Record - Reduction of Fee for
Additional Copies

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to charge a fee of no more than \$2 for each driving record after the first one made in the same request.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues likely decrease minimally – by about \$22,500 in FY 2013, which accounts for the bill’s effective date, and by about \$30,000 on an annual basis thereafter under the set of assumptions discussed below – due to the decrease in driving record fee revenues. TTF expenditures increase by about \$14,700 in FY 2013 only for computer programming changes that must be undertaken by an outside vendor; MVA can otherwise implement the bill with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal savings for any small business for which driving record application fees represent a significant share of overall costs.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The MVA administrator or a designee may provide a copy or a certified copy of any MVA record subject to numerous specified restrictions for records with personal information. For a business seeking to obtain multiple driving records, MVA provides a form – “MVA Certified/Non-Certified Multi-Request” (form #DL-015) – that can be submitted by mail to MVA along with the required fees. The fee for each certified copy of a record is \$12, or \$9 for a noncertified copy.

Generally, the State and local governments may only keep information about a person that is needed to accomplish a purpose relevant to an authorized or required legislative mandate, executive order, or judicial rule. A custodian of personal records at MVA may only disclose personal information to a federal, State, or local government unit for specified purposes, or to certain business entities for purposes specified in law. An MVA custodian may not disclose personal information for use in telephone solicitations but may disclose personal information for those conducting surveys, marketing, or solicitations, or for other general requests for information, if written consent is given by the person in interest.

State Revenues: The impact on TTF revenues is likely minimal. According to MVA, there were 182,828 driving record requests made in fiscal 2011, of which 96,546 were for certified records and 86,282 were for noncertified records. MVA advises that it does not track the percentage of driving record requests that involve multiple records but estimates that, based on experience, about 2% of requests involve multiple records. Therefore, based on the \$10 loss in fee revenue for each second or subsequent *certified* record made in the same request and the \$7 loss in fee revenue for each second or subsequent *noncertified* record made in the same request, it is estimated that TTF revenues decrease by approximately \$30,000 on an annual basis under the bill, or \$22,500 in fiscal 2013, which accounts for the bill's effective date. The actual TTF revenue loss may vary to the extent that the percentage of requests involving multiple records differs significantly from the MVA estimate of 2%. Additionally, this estimate does not account for any increase in requests for multiple records that may occur as a result of the bill's fee reduction. For example, if the total volume of requests remains the same but the percentage involving multiple request increases to 20%, the annual revenue loss is about \$300,000.

Additional Information

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