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House Bill 132

(Delegate Fennell, *et al.*)

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Motor Vehicles - Duplicate Driver's Licenses - Victims of Robbery or Burglary

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue a duplicate license free of charge to a victim of a robbery or burglary whose license is taken if the driver applying for a duplicate license presents a police report of the robbery or burglary.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MVA can implement the bill's requirements with existing resources. Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues decrease, likely minimally, beginning in FY 2019 as fewer individuals pay a duplicate license fee.

Local Effect: The bill does not affect local government finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Should a driver's license be lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed, the driver is required to immediately apply for a duplicate license. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor; the prepaid fine established by the District Court is \$70.

MVA notes that it already has a process in place to address situations where a victim of robbery or burglary seeks to obtain a duplicate driver's license. However, individuals are currently charged a \$20 duplicate license fee.

State Revenues: Because the \$20 duplicate license fee may no longer be charged by MVA in the circumstance specified under the bill, TTF revenues decrease, likely minimally,

beginning in fiscal 2019. MVA advises that its Investigation Division processed 41 requests for duplicate driver's licenses in 2017 that were requested as the result of a crime; of those, only 4 were a result of burglary or robbery. Based on these figures, the amount of any revenue loss associated with the bill is expected to be minimal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 580 (Senator Ramirez) - Judicial Proceedings.

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