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Senate Bill 635 (Senator Hershey)  
 Judicial Proceedings

Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards - Notation for Life-Threatening Allergy

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to ensure that the driver’s license or identification card of an applicant who indicates that the applicant has a life-threatening allergy includes a notation specifying the allergy. Likewise, an application for a driver’s license or identification card must allow the applicant to indicate that the applicant has a life-threatening allergy and specify the allergy. MVA is authorized to adopt regulations to implement the bill.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by \$154,500 in FY 2019 only for reprogramming changes. TTF revenues are likely not materially affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	154,500	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$154,500)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** MVA issues driver's licenses and identification cards to eligible applicants. Licenses and identification cards may include certain designations on them, such as specifying whether a person is an organ donor or a veteran.

**State Fiscal Effect:** TTF expenditures increase by \$154,500 in fiscal 2019 only for MVA to contract with an outside vendor for reprogramming changes. Internal reprogramming changes can be done with existing resources.

TTF revenues increase if individuals with existing licenses request new licenses as a result of the bill. The fee for making a correction to a driver's license is \$20. However, the number of individuals expected to obtain a corrected driver's license solely in order to obtain the new notation is minimal. Thus, TTF revenues are likely not materially affected by the bill.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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