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House Bill 963

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**Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver Instruction over the Internet**

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This bill prohibits the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) from offering or providing any driver instruction program over the Internet unless specifically authorized by law.

The bill sunsets on September 30, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not substantially change State activities or procedures and would not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful. The bill would affect a few businesses that offer or seek to offer driving improvement and other related services over the Internet.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Driver education programs authorized by MVA must contain a minimum level of classroom and highway driving instruction. There is no restriction on the use of the Internet.

**Background:** The MVA advises that it does not authorize any providers that use the Internet for driving education courses required to obtain a license; however, one organization is approved to provide driver improvement courses and point system

conferences using the Internet and two similar contracts are pending. Some states, such as California, provide remedial training over the Internet.

**Small Business Effect:** The bill would affect the business that is contracted with the MVA to provide driver improvement courses, as well as the businesses with pending authorizations. It is unclear whether the current provider would be able to continue providing the service without using the Internet. Information was not provided in time for inclusion in this fiscal note.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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