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Senate Bill 192 (Senator Baker)
Judicial Proceedings

**Motor Vehicle Administration - Identification Cards - Issuance to Individuals
with Driver's Licenses**

This bill repeals the requirements that: (1) an individual who applies to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) for an identification card must not have a driver's license; and (2) an identification card holder must surrender the card upon issuance of a driver's license. The bill also repeals the authority of the MVA to issue an identification card to an applicant whose privilege to drive has been refused, cancelled, suspended, or revoked, or who has been issued a temporary license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential increase in Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures in FY 2003 only due to computer programming costs of up to \$43,300. Potential increase in TTF revenues due to increased issuance of identification cards in FY 2003 and future years. The level of increase cannot be determined at this time.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The MVA must issue an identification card to any individual who:

- is a resident of Maryland;
- does not have a driver's license; and

- presents a birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age and identity and a completed application.

An identification card must contain the applicant's name, address, birth date, sex, physical description, and signature, as well as a color photograph, an expiration date, and the issuing agent's signature and seal.

An identification card may be used as legal identification of the individual to whom it is issued for any purpose. The card expires every five years and may be renewed on application and payment of the fee (unless exempt). The holder must surrender the identification card upon being issued a Maryland driver's license.

The MVA may issue an identification card to an applicant whose privilege to drive has been refused, cancelled, suspended, or revoked, or who has been issued a temporary license. A police officer must issue a temporary license to a person who refuses to take a blood alcohol test or takes a test that results in an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more at the time of testing. The license allows the person to drive for 45 days pending a hearing to determine whether the person's license should be suspended for refusing to take the test.

State Revenues: The number of identification cards that would be issued to license holders as permitted under the bill cannot be reliably estimated but would likely increase and, therefore, increase TTF revenues. The MVA advises that the fee for the identification card is \$15 and that it issued 129,524 cards in fiscal 2001.

State Expenditures: TTF expenditures could increase by as much as \$43,300 in fiscal 2003 only to reprogram the licensing system to comply with the requirements of the bill. The MVA also advises that the increased number of cards to be issued as a result of the bill could necessitate additional materials and personnel costs that cannot be determined at this time. The Department of Legislative Services advises that if other legislation is passed requiring programming changes to the licensing system, economies of scale could be realized, and thus reduce the programming costs associated with this bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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