

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 599 (Delegate Bates, *et al.*)
 Environmental Matters

Andrew's Law

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to provide for a method that allows an applicant for a driver's license or identification card to designate up to three emergency contacts. MVA must make a notation of these contacts on the applicant's driving record or application for an identification card. MVA has to develop a database system that contains the telephone numbers of the applicant's emergency contacts and a system for allowing a law enforcement officer to access emergency contact telephone numbers stored in the database. The designation authorizes a law enforcement officer to access the information in the database and can be removed only as provided by MVA.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by at least \$40,000 in FY 2010 for MVA reprinting costs and may increase by a significantly greater amount for computer reprogramming in FY 2010 only.

(in dollars)	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	40,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Net Effect	(\$40,000)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)

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

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 have certain designations on them, such as specifying whether a person is an organ donor. MVA does not currently keep emergency contact information. When an individual is involved in an accident, law enforcement officials locate the individual's next of kin through such tools as personal effects, vehicle registrations, and telephone records.

Background: There are approximately 4 million licensed drivers in the State, as well as approximately 500,000 individuals who hold identification cards.

State Expenditures: TTF expenditures increase by \$40,000 in fiscal 2010 to revise seven MVA handbooks and forms and by about \$1,500 annually thereafter.

In addition, MVA advises that computer reprogramming is necessary to implement the requirements of this bill. If MVA is unable to accomplish this computer reprogramming with existing staff and resources, it may be necessary to contract with an outside computer services vendor at a cost of between \$100,000 and \$400,000. Legislative Services advises that if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized should it be necessary to retain outside contractual services; this would reduce the costs associated with this bill and the other legislation affecting MVA.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Two nearly identical bills were introduced in the 2006 and 2007 legislative sessions. HB 717 of 2007, was heard by the House Environmental Matters Committee, but no further action was taken. SB 358 of 2006, passed the Senate on second reading on Sine Die.

Cross File: None.

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