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Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licenses and Vehicle Registrations - Mailing Address

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to include a vehicle owner’s mailing address on a vehicle registration card when it registers a vehicle. The bill also requires noncommercial driver’s licenses to include the licensee’s mailing address – which must be provided by driver’s license applicants. In addition, individuals who have applied for or already obtained a driver’s license must notify MVA of a change in mailing address.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by approximately \$1.1 million in fiscal 2018 only for MVA to contract with an outside vendor for computer reprogramming. This estimate does not account for the costs (and possibly revenues) associated with reissuing all currently held noncommercial driver’s licenses. TTF revenues are not otherwise affected.

(\$ in millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	1.1	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$1.1)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$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: Upon registering a vehicle, MVA must issue and deliver to the owner a registration card that contains (1) the date issued; (2) the name and Maryland address of the owner; (3) the vehicle registration number; and (4) a description of the vehicle.

Each application for a driver's license must contain, among other information, the full name, Maryland residence address, race, sex, height, weight, general physical condition, and date of birth of the applicant. Similarly, the license must contain the name and residence address of the licensee.

If an individual who has applied for or already obtained a driver's license moves from the address given in the application or shown on the license, the individual must notify MVA of the change in writing within 30 days. The notification must include the license number as well as the former and new address.

State Expenditures: There are currently 4.3 million driver's licenses and 5 million vehicle registrations issued by MVA. Under the bill, *all* outstanding licenses and vehicle registrations would need to be altered in order to add the additional address field and, thus, be compliant with the bill. Vehicle registrations may be updated at the time of renewal because the bill requires the registration card to contain the mailing address when MVA registers a vehicle. However, the bill simply requires noncommercial driver's licenses to include the mailing address. This provision can be interpreted to mean that all currently held licenses must be reissued as expeditiously as possible rather than incorporating that information at the time of scheduled renewal. The costs to do so cannot be readily determined at this time.

The administration advises an outside vendor is required to perform the necessary changes to implement the bill. The external reprogramming changes (totaling approximately 7,400 hours) include changes to various MVA computer systems and forms. The vendor estimates the cost of these programming changes at \$1,066,500. Additional internal computer programming changes (totaling approximately 3,500 hours) can be handled with existing resources. While MVA advises that the internal programming changes can be handled with existing staff, the amount of staff time required to implement the bill is expected to be substantial and, therefore, may affect the administration's ability to make other system modifications and updates.

Additional Comments: Although the effective date of the bill is October 1, 2017, the administration advises that it would not be able to fully implement the bill by that date.

In addition, Maryland driver's licenses were recently redesigned and redeveloped. Newly issued driver's licenses are compliant with national card standards set by the American

Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). An additional license redesign could place MVA out of compliance with AAMVA standards.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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