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House Bill 889 (Delegate Parrott, *et al.*)
 Environment and Transportation

Motor Vehicles - Driver's License Examination - Parallel Parking

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to include as part of a driver's license examination a demonstration of the applicant's ability to parallel park a motor vehicle.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by \$65,000 in FY 2019 only in order to reconfigure and develop new testing areas. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	65,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$65,000)	\$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: An individual may not attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in the State unless he or she holds a driver's license, is expressly exempt from licensing requirements, or is otherwise specifically authorized to drive the class of vehicle that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

To obtain a driver's license, an applicant must pass a driver examination. The examination tests vision, the ability to read and understand highway signs, knowledge of traffic laws and safe driving practices, a demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable control in driving a motor vehicle, and any other additional physical or mental examination MVA considers necessary to determine an applicant's fitness to drive a motor vehicle safely.

State Expenditures: TTF expenditures increase by an estimated \$65,000 in fiscal 2019 only for MVA to reconfigure or develop parallel parking testing areas at 18 branch offices. This estimate assumes that MVA reconfigures the parallel parking test areas at 4 locations and hires a contractor to develop the parallel parking test areas at the other 14 locations.

The bill may also have an operational impact on MVA. The inclusion of a parallel parking test as part of the driver's license examination may increase the length of time needed to conduct a driver's license examination, resulting in fewer examinations per day. However, this is not expected to significantly affect the examination process.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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