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Senate Bill 1096 (Senators Smith and Jackson)
 Judicial Proceedings

**Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits -
 Identification of Nonapparent Disability**

This bill requires an application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator’s permit to allow an applicant to indicate that the applicant has a “nonapparent disability,” which the bill defines as a disability or health condition that is not immediately obvious or visible. A nonapparent disability includes (1) Alzheimer’s disease or dementia; (2) autism; (3) deaf or hearing impairment; (4) developmental disabilities; (5) intellectual disabilities; and (6) mental health disabilities. The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) must ensure that the relevant credential of an applicant who has indicated a nonapparent disability on an application includes an “ND” notation. MVA is prohibited from (1) requiring an applicant for the credential to provide proof of the applicant’s nonapparent disability or (2) deny an application for the credential because the nonapparent disability selected by the applicant does not match the nonapparent disability indicated on another document associated with the applicant.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by approximately \$25,000 in FY 2025 only. Revenues are likely not materially affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	25,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Local Effect: Local law enforcement activities are not anticipated to be materially affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MVA issues driver's licenses and identification cards to eligible applicants. Licenses and identification cards may include certain designations on them, such as specifying whether a person is an organ donor or a veteran.

State Fiscal Effect: TTF expenditures increase by \$25,000 in fiscal 2025 for MVA to contract with an outside vendor for reprogramming changes to modify the driver's license/identification cards template. Internal reprogramming changes can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. MVA notes the estimated cost includes adding the indicator to the back of the credential; if the notation were instead added to the front of the license, additional (potentially significant) costs may be incurred.

TTF revenues may be affected to the extent that individuals with existing licenses request new licenses. The fee for making a correction to a driver's license is \$20. To the extent that individuals request new licenses as a result of the bill, TTF revenues increase. However, the number of individuals expected to request the new designation is minimal. Thus, TTF revenues are likely not materially affected by the bill.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 1456 (Delegate Lopez) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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