

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 10/19/2011

LRB Number	11-1715/1	Introduction Number	AB-0292	Estimate Type	Original
Description Relating to: indication of veteran status on an operator's license or identification card					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

BILL SUMMARY

This bill allows a person applying for a drivers license or ID card to have their status as a veteran listed on the license or ID card. The applicant would be required to provide verification from the Department of Veterans Affairs that they qualify for veteran status. DOT would be required to place a question on the application form inquiring about veteran status and if the applicant indicates they qualify, and has provided verification, DOT will indicate this on the front side of the drivers license or ID card.

ASSUMPTIONS

This proposal would require DOT to place an indicator of an applicants status as a veteran on their drivers license (DL) or ID card. Currently, there are 417,000 veterans in Wisconsin, or 7.3% of the population. Based on other states that already indicate veteran status on their licenses and ID cards, we can expect about 2% or 8500 veterans will request this option each year.

The application for a drivers license or ID card will have to be changed to include the question asking the applicant if they are a veteran of the US Armed Forces and wish to have their veteran status indicated on their DL/ID card. The cost for producing and printing these new forms and updating the DMV website would be approximately \$12,000.

The DOT computer system for issuing DL/ID cards would require programming by our information technology (IT) staff in order to place the small text indicator VETERAN or VET on the face of the product. The estimate for doing this is approximately \$120,000.

If DOT is required to put the word VETERAN or the abbreviation VET on the DL/ID cards, L1 Identity Solutions, the outside vendor who manufactures Wisconsin DL/ID cards, will be required to create a new template for issuing WI cards. The charge by Vendor L1 for changing the template to add the word VETERAN to the face of the product is \$250,000. The estimated cost to add the abbreviated VET would cost \$90,000.

To implement this new process, DOT would need to provide training to our Field Services staff. These employees would have to be trained to identify the documents provided as proof of the applicant's veteran status, determine what the appropriate status is, answer possible questions from the public and applicants relating to the veteran indicator on a DL or ID card and what is required to obtain one, and to complete the processing of the product to enter the "veteran" indicator on the DL/ID product. The cost of the training necessary to provide these services would be approximately \$5,000.

Using the program in the State of Oregon as a comparison, we believe we could expect to process approximately 8,500 requests each year in an eight year cycle. Assuming it would take an additional one-half to one minute to review the form and make any necessary changes to the applicants driving record, we would expect the process to require about 0.1 FTE at the DMV Field Agent classification. The ongoing cost of this 0.1 FTE would be approximately \$4,370, salary and fringe benefits.

CONCLUSIONS

To implement this proposal, DMV will be required to update and print the DL/ID application form, update the DMV website, and make programming changes to the DMV computer system used to issue these cards.

To add the word VETERAN or the shortened VET to the front of the DL or ID card, a new template would need to be created by L-1 Identity Solutions, the outside vendor that manufactures Wisconsin products, at an estimated cost of \$90,000-\$250,000.

DMV would need to provide additional training to DMV Field Agents in order to review, determine eligibility, and process applications for qualified veterans.

This proposal would require one- time costs of up to \$387,000 and an annual cost of \$4370.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
There are one time costs associated with implementing this bill. They are as follows: IT programming-\$120,000 Forms update-\$12,000 Staff training-\$5,000 L1 drivers license Template change -\$90,000-\$250,000 Total one-time costs= \$227,00-\$387,000			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$4,370		\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.1 FTE)		
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$4,370		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S (S.20.395 (5) (cq))	4,370		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$	\$	
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$4,370	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
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