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Driver's License and Vehicle Registration Abstract Fees (DOT -- Transportation Finance)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Transportation maintains records of drivers and vehicles in the state (abstracts) and provides those records to certain persons upon the payment of a fee, which is generally \$3.

GOVERNOR

Increase the fee for driver record abstracts from \$3 to \$5 for each file search and each computerized search and from \$4 to \$6 for each search requested by telephone. Increase the amount that DOT must charge for copies of the operating record data base, or a portion of the data base, on a computer tape or other electronic media, from \$3 to \$5 for each file of vehicle operators' records contained in the tape or other electronic media. Increase the limit on the fee that DOT must charge for each file of uniform traffic citations or motor vehicle accidents contained in the tape or media from not more than \$3 to not more than \$5. Increase the fee for a notification under the employer notification program (for employers of commercial truck drivers) of any conviction or suspension, revocation, cancellation, disqualification or out-of-service order entered onto an employee's driver record file from \$3 to \$5. Specify that these increases would become effective on the first day of the seventh month beginning after the effective date of the bill. Increase estimated transportation fund revenue by \$2,283,200 in 2001-02 and \$4,600,200 in 2002-03 to reflect these fee increases and to reflect a planned increase in the fee for vehicle registration abstracts, which is established by administrative rule, from \$3 to \$5.

MODIFICATION TO BILL

Specify that the fee increases for driver abstract fees are effective on the first day of the sixth month beginning after the effective date of the bill, instead of the first day of the seventh month beginning after the effective date of the bill.

Explanation: DOT's budget request included the requested change to the abstract fees and specified an effective date of January 1, 2002. The bill included an effective date that varies depending upon the general effective date of the bill to allow for a fixed amount of time to implement the provision. If the bill becomes effective in July, the increase would generate five months of additional revenue in 2001-02, but the revenue estimates in the bill are based on six months of additional revenue in that year. This modification reduces the amount of time to implement the fee increase to six months, which would be consistent with the estimated revenues. DOT indicates that six months is enough time to implement this provision.

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