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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Alternative Driver's License Renewal SB 137
ANALYST Wilson

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$50.0-\$100.0			Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 25

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation & Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 137 amends the Motor Vehicle Code to provide for the renewal of driver's licenses or identification cards by telephonic or electronic means.

SB-137 provides for the expiration of driver's licenses 30 days following the holder's 21st or 75th birthday. The bill also provides for flexibility in the expiration dates of identification cards and authorizes proration driver's license fees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Prior to implementation of telephone and electronic renewals, MVD will have to develop procedures and internet capacities to ensure as this bill requires that adequate security measures are in place to safeguard personal information.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill will give Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) authority to adopt regulations to provide a variety of methods to renew a driver's license or an identification card. Allowing renewal of drivers' licenses by telephonic or electronic means is both customer-friendly, by saving the

renewing licensee a trip to a MVD field office, and more efficient for MVD, by reducing wait times at MVD offices and freeing up agents to better serve those customers who genuinely need personal assistance.

Providing for expiration of under-21 licenses 30 days following the 21st birthday will eliminate the problem of over-21 individuals being unable to purchase alcoholic beverages because they still hold an under-age vertical-format license, or having to pay extra to get a regular horizontal-format card at age 21 when their license has not yet expired.

The bill's language regarding expiration of licenses after the customer's 75th birthday simply clarifies, but does not change current practice.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

TRD can handle the provisions of this bill with existing staff as part of ongoing responsibilities. Eventually the online system may save staff time.

At the start of FY11, the Information Technology staff will have to develop the software to implement online renewal.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TRD states that this bill conflicts with and should replace HB 25, Online & Phone Driver's License Renewal as it consolidates elements of HB 25 with additional changes--notably expiration of the under 21 license at age 21 sought by MVD. Both bills amend §§ 66-5-21 and 66-5-403 NMSA 1978.

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