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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR M. Sanchez ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/15
 LAST UPDATED 2/4/15 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Validity Period for Some Driver’s Licenses SB 1/aSCORC

ANALYST Malone

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total			NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SCORC Amendment

The Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee amendment to Senate Bill 1 strikes from subsection B (3) “or reach the age of twenty-one during any year within the term of the license” for clarification and inserts in subsection D “may be issued for up to five years, but” after “birthday” to allow for licenses to continue to be issued for up to 5 years, but with clearer statutory language.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1 amends Section 66-5-21 NMSA 1978, “Expiration of License – Four-Year Issuance Period – Eight-Year Issuance period – Renewal,” to clarify the period of validity of driver’s licenses issued prior to an applicant’s twenty-first birthday. Subsection D is amended to remove the italicized language:

- “A driver’s license issued prior to an applicant’s twenty-first birthday shall expire thirty days after the applicant’s twenty-first birthday. *A driver’s license issued prior to an applicant’s twenty-first birthday may be issued for a period of up to five years.*”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A license issued before an applicant's twenty-first birthday will no longer be able to be issued for up to five years, it will only be able to be issued for up to the standard four years. Because residents are eligible for a driver's license at the age of 16 in New Mexico, this change will likely result in the need for many drivers to replace their license within a year of their twenty-first birthday and then again soon after when they turn twenty-one.

CONFLICT

This bill conflicts with HB 32 as both bills amend Section 66-5-21 NMSA 1978.

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