

HF3964 - 0 - REAL ID Act Implementation Assistance

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 Agency: **Public Safety Dept**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
Local Fiscal Impact		
		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	32	-	-	-
Total	-	-	32	-	-	-
Biennial Total			32			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

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*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue		-	-	32	-	-
Total		-	-	32	-	-
Biennial Total				32		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue		-	-	32	-	-
Total		-	-	32	-	-
Biennial Total				32		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Bill Description

This legislation would remove the requirement for criminal background checks on any current or prospective employees of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) or driver’s license agent (DLA) that issue standard, non-compliant credentials only. A background check will continue to be required for those who issue REAL ID compliant driver’s licenses; REAL ID compliant identification cards; enhanced driver’s licenses and enhanced identification cards. The bill also makes statutory changes for what is considered acceptable proof of residency documentation.

Assumptions

Section 1

Only DLA staff that have met the department’s background check requirements will be able to process REAL ID and enhanced credential transactions. DLA staff that have not met the DPS background check requirements will be allowed to issue standard, non-compliant credentials only.

Section 2

This section amends the requirements for the types of documents accepted as proof of residency under Minnesota Statutes 171.06, subd 3, paragraph (b).

Technology costs

Due to the required programming changes to the driver’s license system (FastDS), the effective date of the day following final enactment cannot be met. The earliest completion date would be August 1, 2020.

Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) estimates four weeks would be needed to implement necessary changes to FastDS to allow REAL ID record access to authorized individuals only and complete modifications to comply with changes outlined in section 2. Programming costs are \$8,000 per week.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

FY 2021 expenditures

Special Revenue Fund Driver and Vehicle Services Technology account:

FastDS programming 4 weeks x \$8,000 per week = \$32,000 one-time cost

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

The DVS budget is fee-based and must cover the cost of business through fees collected. Any increase in expenses may require increasing fees.

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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