



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 60 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

Sponsor: Reps. Hambley and Rogers

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Enhanced driver's licenses and identification cards

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill establishes an additional fee of \$25, to be credited to the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40), for the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, commercial driver's license, or state identification (ID) card. The fee is expected to offset the cost of issuing the enhanced driver's licenses and ID cards.
- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill: (1) requires the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or other designated federal agency in order to obtain approval to issue enhanced driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and state identification cards (EDL/ID), and (2) authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue such enhanced licenses and identification cards to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico.

An EDL/ID may be used instead of a passport to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean through a land or sea port of entry. Currently, five states that border Canada offer an EDL/ID at a cost per transaction that ranges from \$4.02 to \$7.50. According to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, an EDL/ID will cost more to produce than a traditional license or identification card. While the additional per card production cost is uncertain, the bill establishes a \$25 fee, to be paid in addition to any existing applicable fees for issuance of a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or state identification card, in order to offset the increased costs associated with producing an EDL/ID. The additional fee will be credited to the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40).

As noted, there are presently five states issuing an EDL/ID: Michigan, New York, Vermont, Washington, and Minnesota. Available data suggests that the percentage of those state's drivers being issued an EDL ranges between 7% and 8%. If Ohio mirrors those states, then approximately 550,000 to 630,000 of its 7.9 million drivers may be issued an EDL.

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