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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or its political subdivisions, as it will not affect the number of driver abstracts requested nor the amount of associated work. The bill requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to include only accidents in which a person was cited or found at fault within the past three years on a personal motor vehicle abstract, rather than any accident in which the person was involved, as under current law.

Current law does not specify how many years' worth of information must be included in the abstract. The abstract provided upon request is a three-year record of all moving violation convictions, accident involvement reports, and other actions that result in license suspensions, revocations, or other disqualifications. The statutory fee of \$5 is credited to the state's existing Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).¹

A request for a driver abstract is submitted either to the Registrar or to a deputy registrar. The service fee for the transaction is an additional \$5, which if collected by the Registrar is retained by the state and credited to Fund 5TM0. There are approximately 200 deputy registrar locations statewide, most of which are operated by private independent contractors. The clerk of the court of common pleas or county auditor operates as a deputy registrar in 13 counties. In calendar year 2018, there were 78,124 driver abstract transactions, 58,718, or 75%, of which were performed by deputy registrars. The bill will not affect the number of driver abstracts requested nor to whom such requests are submitted.

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¹ Fund 5TM0 is used in part to pay the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' expenses related to titling motor vehicles, licensing drivers, and registering motor vehicles.