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Transportation

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON RITTMER)

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HF 2156

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Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Fiscal Note

SF 2156 – Drivers' Licenses Issuance, County Treasurers (LSB 6207 SV)
Analyst: Mary Beth Mellick (Phone: (515) 281-8223) (marybeth.mellick@legis.state.ia.us)
Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

Senate File 2156 authorizes all counties not served by a permanent State Department of Transportation facility to issue driver's licenses, non-operator identification cards, and person with disabilities identification devices, provided that the counties continue to meet the Department's standards for issuance. A county shall be entitled to one set of digitized photo-licensing equipment, unless the county was served at multiple sites by the Department, in which case the county shall be entitled to two sets.

Assumptions

1. A total of 33 counties, in addition to the current 48 counties, may elect to provide driver's license services.
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3. Under current law, 18.0% or approximately 158,000 driver's licenses, identification cards, and identification devices are issued by the counties per year. The 48 counties currently retain \$3.75 per issuance, for a total of \$593,000.
4. Under the proposed law, 31.0% or approximately 267,000 licenses will be issued by the counties per year. The counties will collect approximately \$1.0 million.
5. Due to insufficient information, it is not known if the \$3.75 retained by the counties for each driver's license or identification card issued will cover the increased staff cost.
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Fiscal Impact

State Government

The fiscal impact of SF 2156 is a decrease in revenues of \$409,000 to the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF), and an decrease in costs to the Department of \$184,000.

County Government

The fiscal impact of SF 2156 is an increase in revenues of \$409,000. The increase will be used to offset the cost to the counties for issuing licenses. Expenditure information is not currently available from county governments.

<u>Driver License Revenues</u>	Current Law FY 2001	Proposed HF 2362	Change
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Retained by Counties	593,000	1,002,000	409,000
Total	<u>\$ 12,434,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,434,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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Counties	.	.	.
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* County expenditure information is not available.

Source

Department of Transportation

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

February 25, 2002

The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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Adair, Adams, Allamakee, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Cedar, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clayton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fremont, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Keokuk, Kossuth, Lee, Louisa, Lucas, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Mills, Mitchell, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, Tama, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth, and Wright counties shall be authorized to issue driver's licenses, nonoperator identification cards, and persons with disabilities identification devices on a permanent basis, provided that such counties continue to meet the department's standards for issuance.

Sec. 4. Section 321M.4, Code 2001, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

321M.4 TERMINATION OF AUTHORIZATION -- FAILURE TO MEET STANDARDS.

1. If a county is subject to termination of its county issuance authorization for failure to meet the department's standards for issuance, the county shall not issue driver's licenses, nonoperator identification cards, or persons with disabilities identification devices until the county has been reauthorized by the department.

2. The department is not obligated to provide service in a county for issuance of driver's licenses, nonoperator identification cards, or persons with disabilities identification devices if the county fails to meet the department's standards for issuance.

Sec. 5. Section 321M.5, subsection 2, paragraphs e and f, Code 2001, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

Sec. 6. Section 321M.6, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

c. The department provides supervision over the issuance of commercial driver's licenses, including the administration of written and driving skills tests by the office of the county treasurer. However, the failure of the department to provide appropriate supervision shall not alone be used as a reason to deny certification.

Sec. 7. Section 321M.6, subsection 4, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

~~4. The issuance of commercial driver's licenses for residents of a county whose issuance rights have been terminated under subsection 3 may be provided by other counties in the relevant cluster according to the provisions of section 321M.5.~~ The department is not obligated to provide service in a county for issuance of commercial driver's licenses if the county fails to meet certification standards under this section. ~~However, the department shall facilitate appropriate arrangements for availability of such services as it deems necessary.~~

Sec. 8. Section 321M.9, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

b. An issuing county shall be entitled to one set of digitized photolicensing equipment, unless the county was served at multiple sites by the department, in which case the county shall be entitled to two sets of digitized photolicensing equipment. ~~A county shall indicate at the time of opting in how many sets of equipment are needed by the county.~~

Sec. 9. Section 321M.10, subsection 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1. The department shall retain all supervisory authority over the county treasurers ~~who shall be subject to the~~

~~supervision of the department and driver's license issuance program.~~ The county treasurers and their employees shall be considered agents of the department when performing driver's licensing functions.

Sec. 10. Section 321M.8, Code 2001, is repealed.

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2156, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

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