



[SF 439](#) – Driver’s License, Contact Information (LSB2057SV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[Senate File 439](#) requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to include emergency contact information in its electronic database for persons issued a driver’s license or identification card. When a person applies for the issuance, replacement, or renewal of a driver’s license or identification card, the DOT is required to request that person voluntarily submit emergency contact information to the DOT. This information would be kept confidential, and would be accessible only by DOT employees or a member of law enforcement while performing official duties.

The information submitted may include the name, address, telephone number, and relationship of up to two emergency contacts. A person who is younger than 18 years of age and is not emancipated is required to include their parent or guardian as the emergency contact. The contact information provided may be used by law enforcement when responding to an accident where someone dies, or is injured and unable to communicate, to make a good faith effort to reach that person’s emergency contacts.

The Bill is effective January 1, 2022.

Background

Illinois established a similar database in 2013 that is operated by the Secretary of State. Illinois allows residents who hold an Illinois driver’s license, instruction permit, or identification card to voluntarily register their contact information into a database that may be used by law enforcement when that person is incapacitated. The Illinois database also allows for a person to enter basic medical information such as medical conditions or allergies.

Assumptions

The DOT stated programming expenses would be necessary to implement the requirements in the Bill.

Fiscal Impact

The DOT states that the Bill will require approximately \$18,000 for internal programming, and up to \$108,000 paid to an external vendor, to update the programming on their kiosks.

The DOT has also stated there will be increased administrative workload, which will be addressed within current resources and will not require an increase in personnel.

Sources

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