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TRANSPORTATION

(COMPANION TO HF 68
BY HEDDENS)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to advance notification of the need to renew a
2 driver's license.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.196, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Except as otherwise provided, a driver's license,
4 other than an instruction permit, chauffeur's instruction
5 permit, or commercial driver's instruction permit issued under
6 section 321.180, expires five years from the licensee's
7 birthday anniversary occurring in the year of issuance if the
8 licensee is between the ages of seventeen years eleven months
9 and seventy years on the date of issuance of the license. If
10 the licensee is under the age of seventeen years eleven months
11 or age seventy or over, the license is effective for a period
12 of two years from the licensee's birthday anniversary
13 occurring in the year of issuance. A licensee whose license
14 is restricted due to vision or other physical deficiencies may
15 be required to renew the license every two years. If a
16 licensee is a foreign national who is temporarily present in
17 this state, the license shall be issued only for the length of
18 time the foreign national is authorized to be present as
19 determined by the department, not to exceed two years.

20 b. On or about the first day of each month, the department
21 shall notify each licensee whose driver's license is due to
22 expire in the following month of the need to renew the license
23 and the period for renewal. The notice shall be mailed to the
24 most recent address of record provided by the licensee
25 pursuant to section 321.182, or the notice may be sent
26 electronically by prior arrangement with the licensee.
27 Failure to receive a renewal notice shall not affect the
28 expiration of a license or the requirements for renewal of an
29 expired license.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill requires the state department of transportation
32 to send a notice on or about the first day of each month to
33 each person whose driver's license will expire in the
34 following month. The notice shall be sent to the most recent
35 address of record for the licensee, or may be sent

1 electronically by prior arrangement with the licensee. The
2 expiration of a license or the requirements for renewal are
3 not affected by the failure of a licensee to receive the
4 notice.

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**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency
Fiscal Note**

SF 51 – Drivers Licenses Expiration Notice (LSB 1474 SS)
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Description

Senate File 51 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to send a notice on or about the first day of each month to each person whose driver's license is to expire in the following month. The notice may be sent to the licensee's address, or may be sent electronically by prior arrangement of the licensee.

Assumptions

1. Based on a five-year average, the number of driver's licenses renewed annually is approximately 573,000.
2. The cost to send the notice by mail is \$0.27 per notice, and includes labor, postage, and supplies.
3. If sent electronically, the notice would be sent to an e-mail address provided by the licensee at no cost.
4. Costs to the Department associated with programming would be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of SF 51 cannot be determined, as the number of notices sent by mail versus electronically is unknown. The following is a range of the percentage of notices that may be sent by mail and the associated costs. The funds would be paid from the Motor Vehicle Division's base budget, which includes Road Use Tax Fund and Primary Road Fund moneys:

- 25.0%: \$39,000
- 50.0%: \$77,000
- 75.0%: \$116,000

Programming costs to the Department would be \$65 per hour, and are anticipated to be minimal. The funds would be paid from the Motor Vehicle Division's base budget.

Source

Department of Transportation

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

March 1, 2005

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 Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
