



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0275: Provide for a driving privilege card**

Primary Sponsor: **Ed Stafman**

Status: **As Introduced**

☐ Included in the Executive Budget

☒ Needs to be included in HB 2

☐ Significant Local Gov Impact

☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts

☒ Technical Concerns

☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

|                             | <b><u>FY 2026</u></b><br><b><u>Difference</u></b> | <b><u>FY 2027</u></b><br><b><u>Difference</u></b> | <b><u>FY 2028</u></b><br><b><u>Difference</u></b> | <b><u>FY 2029</u></b><br><b><u>Difference</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Expenditures</b>         |   |   |   |   |
| General Fund (01)           | \$224,100   | \$0   | \$0   | \$0   |
| <b>Revenues</b>             |   |   |   |   |
| General Fund (01)           | \$120,300   | \$0   | \$0   | \$0   |
| <b>Net Impact</b>           | <u>(\$103,800)</u>                                | <u>\$0</u>  | <u>\$0</u>  | <u>\$0</u>  |
| <b>General Fund Balance</b> |   |   |   |   |

### **Description of fiscal impact**

HB 275 establishes eligibility for a Driving Privilege Card. Passage of the bill would require Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to program the Credentialing and Registration System (CARS), perform testing for quality assurance, train Driver Services Bureau (DSB) employees, and have the printing agent design a Driving Privilege Card that can be put into production. The cost would be \$224,110.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions**

#### **Department of Justice**

1. It is estimated, per the current card contractor, changes would be needed to the current system to add the new language of Driving Privilege Card to the existing credential at a cost of \$117,000.
2. The CARS system will need to be programmed to include definition, configuration development, and implementation at a cost of \$100,000.
3. MVD assumes 20 hours of testing and 20 hours of quality assurance for implementation of a new credential will be required prior to production at a cost of \$1,160.
4. MVD assumes the website changes would be needed and a new application created for the Driving Privilege Card at approximately 20 hours at a cost of \$734.
5. There would be 3 hours of training required for 66 examiners at DSB stations at a cost of \$4,851. The cost for a trainer would be \$365.
6. It is assumed the cost of each Driving Privilege Card would cost \$5.00 per year and have life span of 2 years for a total of \$10 per card.
7. The number of individuals that could benefit from the Driving Privilege card cannot be predicted, if half of the 24,600 refugees that are recorded to be in Montana in 2023 meet the requirements and were issued a Driving privilege card the revenue would be \$120,300. This revenue would be deposited in the general fund.

## Fiscal Analysis Table

|  | <b>FY 2026<br/>Difference</b> | <b>FY 2027<br/>Difference</b> | <b>FY 2028<br/>Difference</b> | <b>FY 2029<br/>Difference</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| <b><u>Expenditures</u></b>   |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| Personal Services  | \$7,100                       | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |
| Operating Expenses   | \$217,000                     | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |
| <b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>  | <b>\$224,100</b>              | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                    |
| <b><u>Funding of Expenditures</u></b>  |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| General Fund (01)  | \$224,100                     | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |
| <b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>   | <b>\$224,100</b>              | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                    |
| <b><u>Revenues</u></b>   |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| General Fund (01)  | \$120,300                     | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |
| <b>TOTAL Revenues</b>  | <b>\$120,300</b>              | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                    |
| <b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u></b> |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| General Fund (01)  | (\$103,800)                   | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |

## Technical Concerns

## Department of Justice

1. Due to other statute requirements the word "County" in Section 4 would need to be removed.



Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

1/27/2025

Date