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Provides for methods of payment for debts owed to the office of motor vehicles

Proposed law allows the Office of Motor Vehicles to enter into installment plan agreements for persons owing reinstatement fees of \$250 or more. Proposed law allows for reinstatement of a driver's license if a person enters into an installment agreement to pay reinstatement fees owed provided all conditions of reinstatement are met. Proposed law allows OMV to not refer debts to the Office of Debt Recovery if the debtor has entered into an installment agreement. Proposed law allows for restoration of the installment payment agreement if a person owing outstanding fees seeks to reenact it within 30 days of the missed payment. Proposed law provides that if a request for reinstatement is not made with 60 days of the missed payment, the agreement is null and void and the debt is declared final delinquent debt and referred to the Office of Debt Recovery with credits for any sums paid against it. Proposed law allows the Office of Debt Recovery to collect installment payments on behalf of the Office of Motor Vehicles and to assess a per-transaction fee of up to \$3. Proposed law provides for effective dates.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase agency self-generated expenditures for the Office of Debt Recovery by an indeterminable amount. The proposed legislation allows the Office of Motor Vehicles to enter into installment agreements with persons owing outstanding reinstatement fees. Proposed law also allows OMV to utilize the Office of Debt Recovery's (ODR) existing third-party solution for installment payments. ODR reports that use of the existing third-party system carries a per-transaction cost of approximately \$0.95 and has a monthly subscription fee ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Proposed law allows ODR to charge a per-transaction fee of up to \$3, which the department reports it will use to offset expenditures associated with OMV utilizing the third-party solution. ODR reports that the module to accept installment payments is currently written into the contract with the third-party solution provider and will require a one-time cost of \$1,500 for the office to activate the module.

Proposed law will also result in marginal expenditure and workload increases for the Office of Motor Vehicles. The department will be responsible for setting up accounts for persons seeking to utilize ODR's third-party system for accepting installment plan payments. OMV staff have indicated that the department will absorb the marginal expenditure and workload increases utilizing existing personnel and resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may decrease net self-generated revenues for the Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections and the Office of Debt Recovery (ODR) by an indeterminable amount. The proposed legislation allows the Office of Motor Vehicles to enter into installment agreements with persons owing more than \$250 in reinstatement penalties or fees. To the extent persons owing reinstatement fees enter into agreements and penalties do not continue to accrue, DPS may realize a decrease in revenue. Furthermore, if persons owing reinstatement penalties enter into installment plan agreements with DPS, the department may not refer reinstatement penalties it declares final delinquent debt to ODR, which would be subject to the maximum penalty of \$525 plus the 25% fee ODR retains, resulting in a total of \$656.25 (\$525 + \$525 * 25%). There is also no maximum with respect to the maximum amount of fines a person can accrue. However, the decrease in revenues is indeterminable because the number of persons who will utilize the installment plan for reinstatements, as well as their associated reinstatement penalties, is unknown.

Furthermore, proposed law allows ODR to assess a fee of up \$3 per transaction for each payment made utilizing their existing third-party solution for installment payments. This provision of the proposed legislation will result in an indeterminable self-generated revenue increase for the department. The increase is indeterminable because the number of transactions associated with OMV installment payments is unknown. ODR staff have indicated that the department will use the transaction fee to offset any costs associated with accepting the installment payments.

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