

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB633

Amendment Number: S1 (3/3/15 Engrossment)

Bill Subtitle: TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIVE-DOLLAR FEE FOR TAKING THE DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION APPLIES TO ALL DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION TESTS TAKEN.

Basic Change : Sponsor: Sen. Sample

This bill with amendment 1 provides that each applicant for a Class D non-commercial vehicle, Class M motorcycle, and Class MD motor driven cycle driver's license shall pay an examination fee of \$5.00 for each written and skills examination taken. Current law only allows a \$5.00 fee be charged for each of the first three written tests taken. There is no charge to applicants who take the written test for a fourth and subsequent time. There currently is no charge for a skills test. This bill with the amendment will require a \$5.00 charge for every written and skills test taken.

Revenue Impact :

Arkansas State Police estimates approximately 43,000 written tests were given at no charge during 2014 and approximately 36,000 skills tests were completed at no charge. Therefore, there would be an additional revenue increase from written and skills tests of approximately \$395,000. These funds are payable to the Arkansas State Police Fund to be used for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Department of the Arkansas State Police.

Taxpayer Impact :

Taxpayers would pay an additional \$5.00 for every 4th and subsequent written exam as well as \$5.00 for each skills exam taken.

Resources Required :

Additional programming and training of Revenue Office employees will be required.

Time Required :

No additional time is required if this bill passes.

Procedural Changes :

Only the fees, not procedures will change if this bill passes.

Legal Analysis :

Amendment No. 1 to SB633 amends § 27-16-801(a)(1)(C) by substituting "written examination" for "examination." The amendment clarifies that the \$5.00 driver's license examination fee would only apply to a written examination.