

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1359

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE TIME PERIOD OF DRIVER'S LICENSE VALIDITY AND CERTAIN ISSUANCE FEES.

Basic Change : Sponsor: Rep. Johnson and Sen. English

Under current law driver's licenses are valid for a four (4) year period. This bill would change the law to make driver's licenses valid for an eight (8) year period. The fees for the four year license are currently \$20. The fee for an (8) year period would be \$40.00. Additional fees currently added for applicants transferring from another state or written tests would not be changed by this bill.

Revenue Impact :

Revenues may increase for the first four years and decrease the second four years after the eight (8) year license is issued.

Taxpayer Impact :

Taxpayers will only be required to renew their driver's license every eight (8) years which should result in shorter lines and waiting times in the Revenue Offices.

Resources Required :

Programming and training of employees will be required if this bill is passed.

Time Required :

The bill's effective date is January 1, 2016. No additional time is required to implement this bill.

Procedural Changes :

Procedures will change to collect the correct amount for the eight (8) year term license.

Other Comments :

Commercial driver's licenses and identification card terms will remain the same and will not be impacted by the passage of this bill.

Legal Analysis :

HB1359 extends the period of time for which a regular Arkansas driver's license is valid from the current period of four years to a period of eight years. However, this expansion of the period of validity does not apply to learner's permits, intermediate driver's licenses or commercial driver's licenses. The provisions of this bill will apply to drivers licenses issued or renewed beginning on and after January 1, 2016.