

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB147

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND TO OFFER AN APPLICANT A CHOICE OF VALIDITY PERIODS OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Basic Change :

Sponsors: Senators B. Johnson and B. Sample, Representatives Johnson, Dotson, and Fite

SB147 amends the validity period of a non-commercial driver's license and a motorcycle license to offer an applicant a choice of validity periods of four years or eight years. The fees are pro-rated to a person's birthday based on the validity period chosen. A license renewed on a person's birthday for four years would cost \$20 and for eight years would cost \$40.

The validity period for learner's and intermediate licenses will remain the same except this bill states if the holder of the expired intermediate driver's license has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the 12-month period prior to their 18th birthday, the intermediate license may be renewed upon expiration as a regular driver's license for four years.

Revenue Impact :

It is unknown the number of people who may choose a 4-year license, therefore DFA cannot estimate the revenue impact. Any changes in revenue may have an impact on the Arkansas State Police who receive the majority of these funds.

Taxpayer Impact :

Wait times may increase at the Revenue Offices while people decide which validity period they choose. Also, a driver that chooses the 4-year option will visit the Revenue Office more frequently for renewal than a driver that chooses the 8-year option.

Resources Required :

Additional programming, estimated to be \$21,000, and training of all the Revenue Office employees will be required.

Time Required :

Additional time will be required and DFA requests an amendment be added to extend the implementation date to November 13, 2017.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

None.