

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB571

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DRIVER RECORD INFORMATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Sen. Sample

Current law provides that driving record fees in the amount of \$7.00 are distributed \$1.00 to the DFA Commercial Driver's License Fund and the remaining \$6.00 to the Arkansas Highway & Transportation Fund. This bill will increase the \$7.00 fee to \$10.00. The remaining \$3.00 of this increased fee will be distributed to the Arkansas State Police Fund to be used for the purchase of motor vehicles, any associated taxes, equipping costs, and other department operations.

Revenue Impact :

During the calendar year 2016, DFA distributed 1,270,888 driving records at \$7 each and collected \$8,896,216. Assuming the same number of records sold, the additional \$3 would increase fees collected by \$3,812,664.

Taxpayer Impact :

Taxpayers, including insurance companies, would pay an additional cost of \$3 for a driving record.

Resources Required :

Additional programming, estimated to cost \$6,000, is required.

Time Required :

This bill has an emergency clause which is not enough time. DFA would need at least 90 days to implement this bill.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

This bill increases the fee charged for furnishing driving records to qualified requesters from \$7 to \$10. Under the current provisions of § 27-23-117, an employer or prospective employer requesting driving records is charged a fee of \$10 while any other qualified requester is charged the reduced rate of \$7. This amendment would make the fee consistent for the two categories of requesters. § 27-23-118 establishes the distribution of fees collected under § 27-23-117 and is amended to reflect the proposed fee increase. The extra \$3 collected under § 27-23-117(3) is directed to be deposited as special revenues to the credit of the Arkansas State Police Fund by the new provision of § 27-23-118(3). As this fee is classified as special revenue, the bill also amends § 19-6-301(148) to include reference to the new fee provision. The reference to the Arkansas State Police Fund in § 19-6-301(148) is then added to § 19-6-401(1). SB571 contains an Emergency Clause to make the effective date July 1, 2017.