

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1622

As Engrossed: 3/20/2019

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR APPLYING FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Basic Change :

Sponsors: Reps A. Collins, Godfrey; Sen. Hammer

HB1622, as engrossed on 3/20/2019 by Amendment No. 1, clarifies that the oath required with an application for driving privileges does not have to be administered at the Office of Driver Services. HB1622 also allows the applicant to submit their application without their parent or guardian present.

Original Bill --- HB1622 amends the requirements for a minor applying for a driver's license. Current law mandates that the original application for driving privileges must be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by either the father or mother of the applicant, if either is living and has custody. HB1622 amends 27-16-702(a) to allow the required oath to be administered within 30 days before the application is submitted by the applicant. It also allows for the oath to be administered somewhere other than at the Office of Driver Services. HB1622 also allows the applicant to submit their application without their parent or guardian present. HB1622 would require additional training for DFA employees.

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

HB1622 would allow a minor to be administered a driver's test and make application for an instruction permit, learner's license or intermediate driver's license without a parent or guardian being present. The parent could provide the minor with a notarized oath for statement of financial responsibility to hand over to ASP and SRO at the time of application. The required oath could be administered at any location within thirty (30) days before the application is submitted.

Resources Required :

DFA estimates the cost to modify the process to accept parents who are present in the office and those who wish to provide the SRO with a notarized statement at \$21,000.00 with estimated yearly maintenance at \$3,000.00 per year.

Time Required :

Requested implementation date October 2019

Procedural Changes :

Procedure manuals for State Revenue Office and Driver Service employees would require updates as well as materials which are displayed on all websites.

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Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

None.